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EC Copter Shot Down By Yugoslavs

All 5 Observers Killed, The Federal Military Admits Responsibility

By Chuck Suderic

New York Times Service
KNIN, Yugoslavia — Five European Community military observers were killed Tuesday when their helicopter was rocketed by a federal army MiG fighter jet over a rural area about 50 kilometers north of Croatia's capital, Zagreb, Croatian officials said.

Croatian officials said.

Some six hours after the incident, which is the most flagrant violation of the United Nations-inspired cease-fire, federal authorities admitted responsibility. The cease-fire has virtually brought a halt to hostilities involving. Croatian, federal and Serb forces since it took. effect on Friday night.
"Today at 2:09 P.M. in the approximate

"Today at 2:09 P.M. in the approximate region of Varazdin a Yugoslav Army jet brought down one and damaged a second helicopter of the European Community's observer mission," said the Yugoslav Defease Ministry in statement issued in Belgrade.

"Those responsible will be prosecuted," the statement read, adding that an urgent inquiry has been ordered.

has been ordered. Yugoslavia'a Serb-dominated rump presidency amounced that it had suspended the

nder of Yugoslavia's air force, General Zvonko Junjevic.
Croatian officials in Zagreb blamed Serbian forces for the attack, because the MiG jet that brought down the helicopter was from the pro-

Serbian Yugoslav Army,
The cease-fire accord, signed Thursday by Croatian and Yugoslav Army officials, explicitly forbids both Croatia and the Yugoslav Air Force from using the air for military opera-

[In Lisbon, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said that because the Yugoslav federal forces said the helicopters had not been shot down

said the helicopters and not been shot down deliberately, Portugal hoped the peace process would not be endangered, Renters reported. Portugal bolds the EC rotating presidency.

[The spokesman said the ministry believed that the communique "clarifies the incident," adding, "We remain hopeful that since it was not a deliberate act by the Serbian authorities, the neares process will not be endangered."

the peace process will not be endangered."

In Brussels, the EC called for a thorough investigation, The Associated Press reported. The EC ordered its own inquity and recalled that all Yagostav parties had agreed to ensure the security of observers.

The Yugoslav Defense Ministry statement gives no indication of why the MiGs were in the air over Crossic or who ordered them to fine.

air over Croatia or who ordered them to fire. The unusually speedy admission of Yugoslav Army responsibility indicated, however, that authorities in Belgrade were easer to salvage the cease-fire and to suggest that the actions had been carried without their express approv-

> saw the plane fire on the helicopter," See CROATS, Page 4

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times, to the surprise of onlookers. He stopped after being told that this was not allowed under the game's rules. Barbara Bush is at right.

For Friends Demands A Concerted Effort

To Build Goodwill

By Michael Wines

New York Times Service

TOKYO — Sooo enough, President
George Bush may face down the Japanese
in what some call a fitanic struggle over his
nation's economic future. But on Tuesday,

pation's economic rutine, but on Tuesday, opening a four-day state visit to Japan to discuss trade and security issues, the president was trying his utmost to build bridges, not wreck them.

He played tourist at a revered ancient palace. He engaged an astonished circle of middle-aged Japanese men in a slightly poorly highly related to the party of the page. goofy, highly telegenic version of an old Japanese game. He waxed enthusiastic to

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college students about brotherhood and understanding. In the center of Japan, he undertook that most American of political tasks — a ribbon-cutting at a new store — and talked aboot how it brought the two cultures together.

In all of this, often over a din of brass bands and lusty cheers, Mr. Bush sought to avert the unliattering image that his stopover has acquired in Japan, that of a strong-arm raid on Tokyo's mercantile system and even its national treasury.

"I will do my level best as president of the United States to preserve and strengthen the important relationship between Japan and my country," he said Tuesday. "It has a lot to do with world peace. It has a lot to do with world economic stability. It has a lot to do with two great economic and democratic countries working togeth-er, setting an example for other countries around the world."

But while he and his aides were rewarded with friendly crowds and a notable absence of protesters, it was not at all clear bow long that veneer of hospitality would

Aides to Prime Minister Kiichi Miyazawa were reported to remain deadlocked with U.S. officials over demands that Japanese automakers dramatically increase purchases of U.S.-made components, even beyond a commitment to buy an additional \$7 billion in U.S.-made parts

Automobiles and related products are responsible for three-fourths of the \$41 billion yearly trade deficit that Washington runs with Tokyo.

The tension over the visit was further heightened by the heads of Detroit's Big Three automakers, who stepped off Air Force One directly behind Mr. Bush Tuesday evening and promptly struck a frosty tone toward their Japanese hosts.

The chairman of the Ford Motor Co., Harold Poling, said Tuesday night that Japanese consumers buy so few American cars because they are too enamored with

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Bush Bids U.S. Export **Slow Talks** With Japan

Tokyo Offers Incentives To Increase Imports by \$10 Billion in 2 Years

> By James Sterngold New York Times Service

TOKYO - Difficult talks on what could amount to a new approach to managing trade between Japan and the United States bogged down on the first day of President George Bush's visit here, as negotiators worked late into the night Tuesday unable to resolve tough American demands for increased Japanese im-

In its effort to demonstrate that it is prepared to take major steps to purchase more American products and narrow a growing trade imbalance, Japan announced late Tuesday a host of incentives to make it easier for American companies to sell their goods in Japan and to third

The package, some of whose measures merely expanded programs announced previously, included subsidized loans and voluntary targets for imports by Japanese corporations. It also included expansion of a program under which the government offers low-cost financing to promote the export of American goods to de-veloping countries receiving Japanese foreign

Noboru Hatakeyama, the vice minister for International Trade and Industry, said that the

A Japanese weekly asks about Bush: Isn't he just "that auto salesman?" Page 2.

neasures would increase Japanese imports over the oext two years by more than \$10 billion. He said it was oot certain how much of that would be in American goods, hnt Japanese oewspapers have reported that a majority of the incentives would target products from the United

What has struck many here is that the effect of all these measures and those still under negotiation will be a large increase in the level of government intervention to the market to try to increase U.S. exports and reduce Japan's trade surplus. Both sides have gone out of their way to express their conviction that markets must remain free, but the trade package emerging under enormous political pressure from Mr. Bush's visit will amount to managed trade, many Japanese and some Americans acknowl-

A key issue still being negotiated, officials on both sides indicated, is how much worth of American autos and auto parts the Japanese will promise to acquire in coming years. Uoder a voluntary program, Japanese auto companies have said they will increase their purchases of U.S.-made autos and parts to \$17.4 billion by 1995, from about \$9 billion oow. The United

States is said to be asking for a higher figure.

Officials on both sides have avoided referring to this, or the other measures, as targets. The Bush administratioo has insisted that its only aim is to remove barriers to the free flow of goods between the two countries and to halt exclusionary business practices io Japan.

"In the cause of free and open trade, we want agreements that produce permanent improve-ment in access and in U.S. sales to Japanese markets and permanent improvement in the lives of Japanese consumers," Mr. Bush said Tuesday in western Japan, where he attended the opening of a store built by the New Jerseybased Toys 'R' Us chain.
"We didn't ask them to make concessions,"

insisted Robert C. Stempel, chairman of the General Motors Corp., who is one of 18 senior U.S. executives accompanying Mr. Bush. "We're oot asking that they give us anything.

We're just asking to compete. That, however, does not appear to be the

In the mid-1980s, the Reagan administration negotiated an agreement with Japan to increase the U.S. share of Japan's market for semiconductors, or computer chips, to 20 percent, saying that U.S. manufacturers had been unfairly excluded from the market, Later, however, Mr. Bush's trade negotiators insisted that they were opposed to setting such targets.

The tense negotiations taking shape here this week appear to mark a step toward reversing

"We are facing a dilemma," Mr. Hatakeyama said. "Theoretically speaking, this type of thing would be better not to exist. But we are experiencing a large trade imbalance with the rest of the world, and we think it would be good for the Japanese government to try everything she

He insisted that in Japan the government cannot dictate to private companies, since it has an open economy. He described the programs See BUSH, Page 2

Through Secret Arms Deals, Iran Seeks to Dominate Gulf

By Jack Nelson

Los Angeles Times Service WASHINGTON - Through secret deals with Russia, North Korea and other countries, Iran is conducting a multibillion-dollar arms buildup that is fast making it the dominant military power in the Gulf region, according to U.S. govern-

Through the buildup, which includes purchases of Su-24 Soviet attack fighter-bombers and advanced MiG-29 fighters, as well as tanks and other arms, Iran already has achieved parity with Iraq, long the region's strongest military force, the

And many of the purchases reportedly have come through extraordinary Russian military equipment sales, in which the economically hard-pressed republic is selling off material from the former Soviet Army's vast weapons inventory in a desperate bid for foreign currency.

"It's a cash-and-carry deal at cut-rate prices, and arms bazaars are sprouting up all over the place," a source said. A Bush administration official said: "The buildup has been across the board conventional arms and unconventional in the areas of missiles and nuclear research.

Our concern is not just what they are

accumulating, but what they plan to do

art and Dr. Ned Feder—and that was before they invented their little "plagiarism ma-chine."

"You put the papers in here," Mr. Stewart

said as he bent over a scanner, peering through thick glasses bound to his head by a rubber band. The scanner digests the paper,

transforming it ioto a computer file "It can

look at two documents, or compare one paper to a whole field of papers, and it boldfaces

text whenever 30 characters or more are iden-

In principle, the entire literature of science

But it seems unlikely that anyone would be

could be scanned for plagiarism with this device, Mr. Stewart said.

The official refused to provide details on the "nuclear research."

President George Bush and others have repeatedly said that existing controls over Soviet nuclear weapons remain adequate to safeguard against their unanthorized use or diversion. But some officials have expressed concern that nuclear weapons know-how could find its way into the hands of other governments as a result of political and economic upheavals.

In Washington intelligence circles, there were rumors of multimillion-dollar T-72 tanks being sold by Russians to Iran for as little as \$50,000 each: A U.S. official said he could not confirm the price, but he said, They are selling armaments at greatly

The aircraft purchases apparently are being made through government to government deals, but, the official said, "there has been some leakage of tanks and smaller armaments to international arms dealers that are being sold at arms bazzars."

"It includes small arms and artillery and such things as armored vehicles," he said. Privately, U.S. officials, as well as Iran's Arab neighbors, view the buildup with increasing concern.

Saudi officials also find the buildup "unsettling," a Saudi source said. But the Saudis have been somewhat reassured by See IRAN, Page 2

Talks on Aiding Ex-Soviets Set for Jan. 22

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches
WASHINGTON — The United States elaborated Tuesday on its plans for an international conference to deal with the economic crisis in the former Soviet Union, saying it would receive up to 60 nations and international organizations on Jan. 22 and 23 to coordi-

The plans were announced as military and economic disputes shook the new Commonwealth of

The Washington conference on aid for the former Soviet republics

was proposed by Secretary of State James A. Baker 3d last month to discuss ways to help feed and shelter the people of the republics through the winter and to plan for Margaret D. Tutwiler, the State

Department spokesman, said, "The ganizations. coordinating conference for assisprice increases, and former Soviet Soviet Union will convene at the medicine, energy and shelter, tech-

soldiers refused to pledge alle-giance to Ukraine. State Department in Washington, nical assistance and logistics for distributing aid.

The purpose of the conference is to better divide our labor and responsibilities to help meet immediate and drastically increasing hu-manitarian needs to the republics." Miss Totwiler said the list of conference participants was not yet

complete. The conference will be at the foreign ministers' level and will include international financial or-

She said work would focus on Independent States. Angry shop-coordinating conference for assis-pers forced some cities to roll back tance to the republics of the former critical short-term needs of food,

"The coordinating conference will work toward helping the peo-

ple of the republics help themselves to get through the winter and to ensure that together we take the right steps this winter, spring and summer to ensure a better situation next winter," Miss Tutwiler said.

Foreign ministers from European, Asian and Middle Eastern countries have said they will attend. But France, which has as-See PRICES, Page 4

No Slump on Wall Street as Pay Soars

By Robert J. McCartnev

Washington Post Service NEW YORK — When Warren E. Buffett became chairman of scandal-ridden Salomon Brothers Inc. last year, he was widely urged to use his new job as a command post in the battle against Wall Street greed.

It did not take long for him to act. Even though profits soared in 1991 at Salomon Brothers, year-end bonuses were reduced for more than two-thirds of its top executives. Mr. Buffett warned "mediocre" executives they could quit if they did not like the cuts. But Mr. Buffett's campaign has had virtually oo effect elsewhere on Wall Street, where

paychecks swelled to record levels last year. While the rest uf the U.S. economy languished in recession, the securities industry benefited from sparkling gains in the stock and bond markets and earned its best profits

Now much uf that money is being funneled into the pockets of securities traders and investment bankers via big year-end bonuses. "Some selected players could be getting double what they got last year," said Ronald J. Diorio, a vice president and partner of

creases in bonuses from \$500,000 to \$1 mil-

lion." Such bonuses are paid on top of base salaries that range from \$150,000 to \$200,000 at senior levels. Several high-ranking Wall Street executives said they were unhappy about the trend, even though they personally pocketed much

bigger paychecks than a year ago. These executives, who spoke on condition that they remain anonymous, said that the industry made real progress in curbing its appetite for mammoth bonuses in the lean Korn-Ferry International, a leading executive search firm. "You could be talking in-

year of 1990, but that it now has gone straight back to its greedy old ways. They expressed worry that the rich pay-See PAY, Page 12

Plagiarism Device Stalks Stolen Phrases By Philip J. Hilts New York Times Service

to be used when plagiarism is suspected. The machine can compare the work of an author with the rest of the literature in the field for WASHINGTON - Few scientists have engendered more emotion than Walter Stew-

> Health in Bethesda, Maryland. One of the rooms is filled with computer equipment and several humming, blinking screens. The other room contains ceiling-high

> Here, they have just begun to read articles into the machine, inserting about 7,000 articles and books from two fields of science so

crime in the academic world, where intellectual honesty is paramount. Any device that helps detect or deter such a heartfelt support of scientific leaders. But the machine developed by Mr. Stewart and Dr. Feder has oot received a rapturous welcome

"I find it chilling," said Dr. Maxine Singer, president of the Carnegie Institution, a re-search organization in Washington. "We don't normally io our society go looking for behavior not consistent with accepted prac-

"I don't know why in science we have to do these more threatening kinds of things." Mr. Stewart and Dr. Feder "may be wellintentioned," Dr. Singer said, bot she does not make the same allowance for their ma-

"Of the various uses modern technology would be put to," she said, "this machine is one we didn't expect. We would have expect-See COPS, Page 2



NUCLEAR INSPECTION - Ambassador Chon In Chan announcing Tuesday in Vienna that North Korea will sign an agreement on the inspection of its nuclear facilities. Page 2.

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Russia Applies for IMF Admission

WASHINGTON (Reuters) — Russia has applied to join the International Monetary Fund and World Bank in a move designed to win financial backing for its transition from communism to

The Bush administration urged both the IMF and the World Bank last week to give early consideration to membership for the states of the former Soviet Union.

The IMF also said that Azerbaijan had applied to join. The republic is also expected to seek membership to the World Bank. Ukraine filed applications with both organizations last month.

Mrs. Marcos said she would run for president. Spain searches for a role in Latio America.

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Air France and partners are buying into the Czechoslovak

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willing to spend the time or money to do that. Rather, the machine will most likely continue

any instance of copying. Mr. Stewart and Dr. Feder work in two narrow rooms in the subbasement of the headquarters of the National Institutes of

stacks of paper, tidily arranged io file folders, which in turn are arranged in boxes.

Plagiarism, the appropriation of another author's words or ideas, is a much despised

By T. R. Reid

TOKYO - In a slur that still burns. Charles de Gaulle once referred to a visiting Japanese prime minister as "that transistor salesman." The Japanese media revived that 30-year-old insult on Tuesday and applied it in another form to

George Bush.
"What is Bush as be comes here with a team of American husiness leaders?" sniped the photo maga-zine Weekly Jewel. "Isn't he just 'that auto salesman'?"

The de Gaulle dig and others of equal sting were repeated across the Japanese media as the wary nation greeted the president of a country that is an obsession for the Japanese in good times and bad-The most common criticism was that Mr. Busb bas diminished his own stature by focusing this longawaited Asian trip on securing help for the U.S. economy.

The national newspaper Maini-chi Shimbun, which has praised Mr. Busb warmly in the past, said. It's impossible to admire the president's tactics of complaining and demanding concessions."

A common caricature in editorial cartoons depicted Mr. Bush as a child waiting for Prime Minister Kiichi Miyazawa to give him an otoshidama — Japan's equivalent of a Christmas stocking — stuffed

with money.

As befits a country where large majorities say they consider the United States their favorite foreign country, much of the reception was friendly. Most important for Mr. Bush, he got warm greetings and promises of significant trade assis-tance from Mr. Miyazawa and other leaders of the dominant Liberal Democratic Party.

And many of the Japanese people who lined up to wave as the president's enormous black timousine negotiated narrow streets evi-dently saw Mr. Bush as something more than an auto salesman.

When the TV cameras approached one bystander with the inevitable question - "How does it feel?" - she replied: "I thought, 'Hey! I just saw the man who ran the Persian Gulf war!"

as "a kind of moral campaign" to

persuade Japanese companies to import more. As he pointed out, 88

Japanese corporations have com-

that the figures being discussed

were not import targets. They were,

So far, the Trade Ministry re-

ported, Japanese corporations that account for more than 50 percent

of Japan's imports and exports

have said they would participate in

the voluntary program to increase

imports and tie-ups with foreign

These range from agreements by

Japan's hig automakers to sell

American cars through their sales

networks - for instance. Toyota

will sell GM cars — to programs to

permit more U.S. auto parts con-

cerns to participate in the design of

key parts and components for Jap-

Tax breaks and subsidized loans

will be offered to belp foreign com-

panies seeking to locate in Japan, a

means of attracting more foreign

direct investment into Japan from

the current trickle. The government

will also establish a company to

help foreign companies recruit Jap-anese staff. Under certain condi-

tions foreign companies entering

Japan will be offered government

loan guarantees to belp them ob-

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the positive tone that has continued

to mark diplomatic initiatives by

The buildup has caused "grave concern" in Israel, which remains a

"We're watching it closely," an Israeli official said, "knowing that Iran is exporting its Islamic funda-

mentalism and is sponsoring ter-

rorist activity, such as helping the

Hezbollah in South Lebanon and

encouraging terrorist acts against

the Iraqi military machine. But

with Iraq devastated by last year's

war with U.S.-led Western allies

and weakened by United Nations-

sponsored economic sanctions, Is-

rael now sees a more powerful fran

Despite serious misgivings about

Iran's role in terrorism and its longtime bostility toward the West.

U.S. officials point out that Iran recently has moderated its policies

and was responsible for helping

free Western hostages held in Leb-

anon. Moreover, they say, a more

powerful Iran could prove to be

valuable force in the U.S. campaign

to topple Saddam Hussein.

as a greater menace,

In the past, Israel has supported

target of Iranian terrorists.

tain needed bank loans.

Mr. Hatakeyama also insisted

plied so far.

anese autos.

he said, estimates.

BUSH: Talks on Trade Bog Down

In the media, though, most as-

sessments were much rougher.

The commentary fell generally into three categories: expressions of friendship for Mr. Bush and the United States, complaints of "bullying" by the American "tyrant," and accusations that Americans are in a recession because of their own self-indulgent babits.

Some of the national newspapers, including Yomiuri Shimbun, ran special sections to greet the president and report on the increasing interdependence between the world's two richest countries.

Yomiuri featured a glowing de-scription of the United States by the Japanese pop singer Hiromi Go, who lives in New York. Referring to a core lesson drilled into every student in regimented Japan

"The nail that sticks out gets
hammered down" — the singer
wrote, "What I like is that America is a country where the uneven nail

doesn't get hammered." Several weekly magazines have hit the stands with angry articles complaining that Mr. Bush is a bully who is squeezing Japan for eco-nomic belp because of his own mis-

The Weekly Jewel accused Mr. Bush of committing what is, by Japanese standards, an acute faux

"Bush has charged into the house without taking off his shoes," the magazine said, "and now he's even demanding payment."

In sharp contrast to this "bully" assessment, another line of criticism is that the United States is a sick country pleading for help in the form of special favors and concessions. Some of these commentaries have quoted Washington Post and New York Times editorials that criticized Mr. Bush for trying to use Japan as a scapegoat.

We urge America to put its own house in order," said an editorial in Asahi Shimbun, a liberal national newspaper. "The Americans' vigor has been sapped by growing dis-crepancy between rich and poor, decline in the standard of living of the middle class and the loss of confidence in the future."

would also expand a program un-der which it offers trade financing

to promote American exports to

projects in developing countries underwritten by Japan. Under this

program, being done in coopera-tion with America's Export-Import

Bank, the Japanese government

said it was likely to finance more

than \$10 hillion in projects over the

next several years, and that the

greater part of the imports for these

development projects would come

That still leaves the negotiators

wrestling with the politically sensi-

tive issue of setting markers or goals for sales of U.S. automobiles

and parts. It also does not include

measures that are expected to be

announced by Treasury Secretary

Nicbolas F. Brady, who arrived in

Tokyo oo Tuesday after a surprise

announcement here Monday that

It has been speculated that this

may include an agreement with Ja-

pan to lower the value of the dollar

Prime Minister Kiichi Miyazawa

has said in recent days that Japan

feels obligated to aid the United

States out of compassion for its

from the United States.

he was coming.

against the ven.

The Japanese government said it deep economic problems.

IRAN: Aiming at Gulf Dominance



Mrs. Marcos making her announcement Tuesday, "after consulting with our oppressed citizens."

Marcos Says She'll Run for President

By Philip Shenon New York Times Service

MANILA - Imelda R. Marcos announced Tuesday that she would run for president to succeed Corazon C. Aquino, a move that is certain to increase pressure on Mrs. Aquino to seek a second term.

"After months of direct consultations with our poor and op-pressed citizens," Mrs. Marcos said, "I have decided to run for office to seek the presidency by submitting to the democratic pro-

Mrs. Marcos, who returned home from exile in November 10 corruption and tax fraud, made the himself seeking the presidency in announcement after she was arraigned Tuesday before a special anti-graft court in Manila.

In the court session, Mrs. Marcos pleaded not guilty to six criminal charges that she helped create corporations in Switzerland that were used to loot the Philippine

Mrs. Marcos, the widow of President Ferdinand E. Marcos, said she would seek the candidacy of the Philippine Nacionalista Party. an opposition group that also includes Mrs. Aquino's estranged vice presi-

face dozens of criminal charges of dent, Salvador H. Laurel, who is an election that is to be held in

Mrs. Aquino, insisting that she will oot seek a second term, has said she plans to announce her choice for successor this month.

But friends and relatives of Mrs. Aquino's said the entry of Mrs. Marcos in the race will most likely force the president to consider a second term. Mrs. Aquino is known to believe that Mrs. Marcos played a role in the assassination of her busband, Benigno S. Aquino

For Japan, Right-Hand-Drive Ford Cars

DETROIT - Ford Motor Co. will ship Ford Probe cars with steering wheels on the right to Japan beginning in late 1993 to accommodate Japanese roads, but the cars will be manufactured hy Mazda, a Ford executive said Tuesday.
The number of right-hand-drive Probes destined

for Japan was not made clear, but it is a significant gesture for a U.S. automaker to design cars for the Japanese market. The Japanese drive on the left side of roads and therefore need vehicles with the driver's seat oo the right. The Probes will be huilt at Mazda Motor Corp.'s

plant in Flat Rock, Michigan. The factory currently makes Probes and Mazda MX-6 and 626 cars, all with left-hand drive. Ford owns 25 percent of Mazda, and they are linked in the distribution

other right-hand-drive vehicle development programs under way, but that none had been approved. Those projects would involve alterations at some Ford-owned factories in the United States and Canada he said.

For years, U.S. automakers have eriticized Japanese trade policies and market protection, saying such policies barred U.S. automakers from selling vehicles in Japan.

Japanese automakers, which have been shipping left-hand-drive vehicles to the United States for years, have countered that criticism by saying that U.S. automakers haven't designed cars specifically for the Japanese market.

Mr. Trotman's comments came at the North American International Auto Show. Ford's executive vice president, Alex Trotman, also said that the company expected a very slow

verification that North Korea poses no nuclear threat. With nor-

offer substantial economic aid. COPS:

fication.

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An unusual level of secrecy has Corp., Lee A. Iacocca, was contemptuous of suggesbeen maintained around Mr. Brations by some Japanese officials that American quality dy's visit, but there has been wideproblems, not Japanese trade barriers, were at the root spread speculation that he will be trying to work out financial measures to increase American exports.

know our problems. They don't have to preach to us." Mr. Iacocca, Mr. Poling and the General Motors chairman, Robert C. Stempel, are among 18 corporate leaders whom Mr. Bush invited to Tokyo last month as

Behind the scenes, the president's aides worked Tuesday to bury public expectations that Japan would

a largely ceremonial "Tokyo Declaratioo." that pays tribute to Japan's growing global influence and sets

"The trouble is that Iran still Bush administration officials said that Mr. Miyazawa's government also may agree to pay more

When Mr. Bush left Washington for his Asian tour. he said that his primary object was to "relentlessly pursue our mission to create jobs and restore prosperi-

ferent tack, saying, "You've got to look at this in the broader historical perspective of what just happened to the Soviet Union, and the end of the Cold War." None of this appeared to faze Mr. Bush, who broke stride from a frenetic four-nation tour of the Western

On arriving from Seoul early Tuesday, he and Bar-Japan's emperor.

Outside the palace, the president saw several men in brightly colored ceremonial garb engaged in a round of kemari, a game in which players kick a deerskin ball to and from each other, taking care to keep it from

ished men, attacking the horsehair-stuffed ball with er, we will go far."

obvious relish in soccer style, giving it several bounces

scientists. Not until he was told that this was not allowed giarism, hut they somehow have under the rules did Mr. Bush relent, and he shortly become fascinated, perhaps obsessed, with misconduct in science.

each other's cultures under university exchange Drograms. The president won an enthusiastic response from them, drawing laughter when he called out in frac-

tured accent the names of Japanese schools, and cheers when he mentioned American ones. His main object, however, was to use the occasion to

stump for the cultural benefits of free trade.

Noting that Mr. Miyazawa once joined in a student exchange with the United States, Mr. Bush said: "I want the people of our countries to have a better understanding of one another. We need more Americans who can speak Japanese and who understand the workings of the Japanese marketplace.

services in these Japanese markets. Open markets, like student exchanges, yield a bounty for all who Then Mr. Busb left by helicopter to nearby Kashi-

hara, where be opened an American-owned Toys 'R' Us discount toy store with unusually warm words

spent three years trying to build stores in Japan until Washington intervened on its behalf.

Allied with a segment of Japanese merchants, the dministration persuaded Tokyo to ease laws that locked Japanese retailing into a wholesale-supply system that favored small stores and made large discounters such as Toys 'R' Us impossible to run.

Mr. Bush depicted the store as a success story for both American husiness and Japanese consumers.

The store's volume sales enable it to offer much lower prices than most stores in the \$6 billion-a-year Japanese toy market.

bara Bush visited Kyoto, Japan's ancient capital, to
No other major American retailer has followed the
tour the restored Shishinden palace, once bome to
firm in seeking to enter Japan, but Mr. Bush called the No other major American retailer has followed the store's opening "the beginning of a dynamic new economic relationship" between Japanese and American business.

world based on a forward-looking global partnership between two great nations, two powerful economies, Suddenly, Mr. Bush jumped into the circle of aston- and two resourceful, innovative peoples. And togeth-

> Kuwait at the time of the Iraqi myasion. Her presence could be verified by the U.S. Embassy

Amnesty International, which originally included the baby deaths in its report on Iraq's actions in Kuwait, later distanced itself from the allegations. The group said it "found no reliable evidence that Iraqi forces had caused the deaths of babies by removing them or ordering their removal from incubators."

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WORLD BRIEFS

North Korea

To Sign Pact

On Nuclear

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

nounced Tuesday that it would sign

an agreement this month providing

Japan and South Korea fear are

toward reconciliation of the two

In Vienna, Ambassador Chon In

Agency, which is based in Vienna,

during the last week of January. He said "all facilities" would be in-cluded in the inventory to be sub-

mitted as a basis for international

He said the accord with the agen-

cy would be ratified as soon as

possible. But it was nuclear wheth-

er that would be before the next

round of talks between the Korean

prime ministers, which is scheduled for mid-February.

A spokesman for the South Ko-

rean Defense Ministry, Yoon

Chang Ro, said the decision to can-

cel the U.S.-South Korean military

exercise applied to this year only. He left open the possibility that future exercises could be held.

During a visit to Scoul on Mon-

day, President George Bush said that he and President Roh Tae

Woo were prepared to call off ma-neuvers this year if North Korea

accepted measures verifying that it was free of nuclear arms. All U.S.

nuclear weapons were removed

U.S. officials have said that the

North Korean nuclear program

was within a couple of years of

producing armaments. Pyongyang

has replied that its nuclear program

is peaceful, hut until now it had refused to allow independent veri-

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from South Korea late last year.

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Heavy Snows Prompt a U.S. Airlift Of UN Relief Supplies to Iraqi Kurds

WASHINGTON (Reuters) — U.S. Army helicopters have flown 12 tons of food and other supplies to Kurds in northern Iraq in an emergency airlift prompted by heavy snows, the Defense Department said Tuesday. A Pentagon spokesman, Pete Williams, said the airlift of UN supplies

with helicopters based in Turkey had begun on Friday and was continuing until roads could be cleared for United Nations workers helping

Kurds in Iraq.

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Murders in the U.S. Surpass 24,000 WASHINGTON (AP) - At least 24,000 people were murdered in the

WASHINGTON (Ar)—At least 24,000 people were managered in the United States last year, according to government figures.

The Senate Judiciary Committee estimated that there were 24,020 homicides last year, up 580 from the 23,440 slayings in 1990. The estimate was based on a survey of federal, state and local law enforcement Koreas after more than four de-South Korea, which has said that the nuclear issue is crucial to better relations, responded to the an-

"A year which saw the rest of the world become safer for America saw this nation become less safe for its own citizens," the committee cha man, Joseph R. Biden Jr., Democrat of Delaware, said. There were 9.47 The North Korean Foreign Minslayings per 100,000 residents.

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Ex-Dresden Aide Admits Vote Fraud

DRESDEN (Reuters) — The former mayor of Dresden, Wolfgang Berghofer, a leading figure during East Germany's 1989 revolution, admitted Tuesday that he had rigged election results on the orders of his Communist superiors in East Berlin.

Mr. Berghofer, a change-minded Communist who was among the first of East Germany's leaders to negotiate with democracy demonstrators, and democracy also record the results if he had refused to

or east Cormany's leaders to regulate with definition of said that someone else would have forged the results if he had refused to carry out the orders. "The real decision for rigging came from the party," he said on the first day of his trial, referring to the Communist Party.

Mr. Berghofer, 48, is accused of cutting the opposition's electoral

showing in Dresden to 2.5 percent from 12 percent in the May 1989 local clections. Andreas Günthel, a prosecutor, told the court how Mr. Berghofer and other Communist officials had met one week before the poil to work out different scenarios for the result.

Monaco to Tighten Citizenship Land MONTE CARLO (Reuters) — Monaco is cracking down on

arranged marriages that allow women to enjoy tax-free living and other privileges reserved for citizens of the rich principality. Under a draft law unanimously approved by the 18-member

National Council on Monday, a foreign woman wanting citizenship will not only have to marry a Monacan subject, but she must also stay with him for at least five years.

National Council members say the present system granting foreign women - but not foreign men - instant citizenship on marriage has been increasingly abused,

China Hard-Liner Called Gravely III

BELIING (UPI) - Vice President Wang Zhen, a leader of the Communist Party's powerful hard-liners, is seriously ill and is being treated in a military hospital for severe respiratory problems, Chinese sources said Tuesday.

Mr. Wang, 83, who has held the ceremonial vice presidency since April 1988, has long been in frail health, and he has not appeared in public

since a party leadership meeting in late November.

Chinese sources with access to party leaders said that Mr. Wang's health had deteriorated recently and that he was being treated at a military hospital in western Beijing. "He is sick with old age and breathing trouble," said a source.

13 Indian Militants Die in Gun Battle

NEW DELHI (UPI) — The police killed 13 leftist goerrillas in the southern state of Andhra Pradesh during a gun battle, the Press Trust of

India reported Tuesday. The shooting crupted when a police party raided the hideout of the People's War Group in the village of Pedigeru after receiving a tip that the militants were meeting. The clash lasted for about seven hours Monday, the news agency reported, and some police personnel were also wounded

On Tuesday in Andhra Pradesh, a land mine exploded beneath a police jeep, damaging the vehicle and a van following it. According to the news. agency, about 30 police officers were traveling in the two vehicles when the mine exploded. Details of casualties were not known.

TRAVEL UPDATE

Cars were banned from Athens, and the government ordered a reduce a tion in industrial fuel consumption and central heating, as air pollution levels soared. The ban on private cars and half the city's taxis is in effect mishandled by those who should have cleared them up. from 6 A.M. to 8 P.M. Wednesday, the Environment Ministry said. (AP) American Airlines plans to offer business-class service in the United The case of a paper in the journal Cell by Dr. Thereza Imanishi-Kari States, to antract higher-fare business travelers, industry sources said Tuesday in New York.



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supports terrorism," a U.S. official said, "but Iran also is supporting the Shiite fundamentalists who oppose Saddam Hussein. And there is some hope that with Iraq deteriorating, Hussein may be brought

While Russia is supplying the bulk of arms to Iran, other shipments are coming from North Korea and Argentina, as well as from other countries, sources said.

"Iran is selling oil and gas to the Russians and getting capital to buy the arms," a U.S. official said. a stronger Iran as a counterforce to "Iran already has achieved parity with Iraq and will soon be dominant because Iraq is just biding its time, hoping for an end to the sanc-

Besides purchasing jets from the Russians, the Iranians have kept for their own use 146 planes, including advanced fighters and bombers, that Iraqi pilots flew to

said that the No. 2 U.S. automaker had several recovery in 1992. TOUR: Bush Tries to Project Friendly Image in Japan

BMW, not because American cars are poorly made. Japanese bought more than 130,000 German-made automobiles in 1990, but only about 30,000 American models, and 9,500 of those were Hoodas assembled in the United States.

of U.S. automakers' poor sales record in Japan.
"We're not that stupid," Mr. Iacocca said. "We

part of his state visit. make major concessions in the trade talks.

Instead, they played up the international security spects of Mr. Busb's visit. They include the signing of out ways in which the nation can work with the United States in addressing world problems and regional

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Pacific to play goodwill ambassador.

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"I want to increase access for American goods and

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The toy chain is among the world's largest retailers, with worldwide sales of about \$6.4 billion in 1991. It

He added: "There is much that we can do for the

Doubts Rise Over Tale of Iraqi Abuses By Dana Priest Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON - A member of the Congressional Human Rights Caucus says he will investigate the veracity of allegations of Iraqi atrocities in Kuwait made by a 15-year-old girl, who was identified this week as the daughter of Kuwait's ambassador to the United States.

The girl, identified in an Oct. 10, 1990, caucus hearing only as "Nayirah." testified that Iraqi soldiers had taken babies out of incubators and let them die during the Iraqi occupation of the country. In an opinion piece Sunday in The New York Times, the girl was identified as the daughter of Ambassador Saud Nasir

Representative John E. Porter. Republican of Illinois, the co-chairman of the caucus, said Monday that he did not know until recently that Navirah was the ambassador's daughter and said her position should have been disclosed at the bearing.

"She's not just another person," he said. "Our credibility is our bread and butter."

Representative Tom Lantos, Democrat of California, the other co-chairman, said he bad been aware of the girl's identity but agreed to use her first name only because the family feared reprisal.

In a statement, Mr. Sabah said his daughter, who lives in the United States, was visiting in Kuwait City, he said.

Nayirah's appearance before the caucus was

obscure places and chiefly from dead authors." tions firm paid an estimated \$8 million by "There is something specially disturbing about that, isn't there?" Kuwait to represent the country after the inva-

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Florida Preacher For Quayle, '88 Race Was a Bitter 'Learning Experience' Goes on Trial in Cult Killings of Whites

da - At the peak of his power, the man who calls himself the Son of God presided over a multimilliondollar business and real estate empire, Temple of Love Inc., and was courted by politicians. But during Yahweh ben Yahweh's trial in federal court, which began here Tuesday, jurous will hear former members of his sect and more than 100 other witnesses argue that his reign was one of murder, arson, extortion and sexual exploitation.

Along with 15 followers, Yah-weh ben Yahweh, a 56-year-old preacher who asserts that blacks are the true Israelites and that all whites are devils, is charged with masterminding the killings of 14 people in the Miami area in the 1980s.

His "Nation of Yahweh," one of the names used by the sect, which once claimed to have more than 20,000 members in 45 cities, is now on trial itself as a "continuing crim-inal racketeering enterprise" mas-querading as a religion, according to the U.S. government.

Those said to have been slain by disciples of the cult leader include disobedient members of the Temple of Love, one of whom was beheaded, and a number of white vagrants who were found with their cars cut off and lying in Miami alleys. Prosecutors charge that pro-spective members of Yahweh ben Yahweh's inner circle, called The Brotherhood, were required to kill a "white devil" and to supply proof of the deed to their leader as a condition of admission.

Defense witnesses, however, are expected to portray Yahweh ben Yahweh, whose name in Hebrew means "God the Son of God," as a promoter of black self-respect who transformed parts of the Miami ghetto into a flourishing complex of shops, schools, hotels and busi-

Yahweh ben Yahweh's supporters here describe him as a charismatic and benevolent religious and business leader who worked to save black youths from drugs and "mental slavery," a phrase he uses to describe blacks who seek to live in mainstream society. . . .

Yahweh ben Yahweh has been charged with 18 counts of racketeering in which he is accused of having ordered the killings, the firebombing of a black neighborhood in Delray Beach and extorbuilding the group bought in Opa-

New York Times Service

FORT LAUDERDALE, Florida — At the peak of his power, the nan who calls himself the Son of God precided come a continuition.

LUKA.

Opening arguments began Thesday, and Judge Norman C. Roettger in of U.S. District Court said that the trial could last as long as four months. The jury is composed of three blacks and nine

> The government's main witness is expected to be Robert E. Rozier Jr., who, as a member of the Yahweh Nation's elite security force, used the name Neariah Israel, Mr. Rozier, 38, who played for the St. Louis Cardinals football team in the late 1970s, was expelled from the sect after he pleaded guilty in 1988 to four murders that he said had been ordered by Yahweh ben

> Also expected to testify for the rosecution are one of Yahweh ben Yahweh's nephews, a convicted drug offender named Anthony Solomon, and also Kelly Gaines, a son of Yahweh ben Yahweh's second-in-command and chief financial adviser, Judith Israel.

> Prosecutors may also produce tape recordings of some of the sect leader's sermons in which he is said to speak of acts of terror and in-timidation he organized. The ser-mons are also said to include calls to his followers to "bring me a

head" of an impure unbeliever.

The Yahweh Nation also has been accused by former followers of committing child abuse and sexual offenses. None of the charges against the cult leader and his disciples concerns such accusations, but the indictment says Yahweh ben Yahweh controlled his disciples by "regulating the personal and sexual lives of married followers and by having sexual relations with both

adult and minor female followers." In a bail hearing after his arrest in November 1990, Yahwah ben Yahweh said in response to ques-"the first begotten son" of God.
And at a raily at the Miami Arena a
month before his arrest, he told
followers, "I am the Prince of
Peace, the Savior."

The son of a Pentecostalist minister, Yahweh ben Yahweh, who was born Hulon Mitchell Jr. in Kingfisher, Oklahoma, has long operated on the fringes of estabished religious. Before arriving in Miami in 1979 and proclaiming himself an "Original Jew," he is said to have first been Hulon Shah, a Black Muslim preacher in Chica-go in the 1960s, and later Father Michel, the leader of a Protestant group in Atlanta called the Modern Christian Church.

By David S. Broder

Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON — For 12 years in politics before 1988, Dan Quayle had set on his own commaions of the event compared his own timetables, run his own campaigns and picked his own issues. Having pros-pered by calling his own plays, with guid-ance only from his wife, Marilyn, he says without embarrassment, "I am a total con-

and Bob Woodward

troi person." But on Tuesday, Aug. 16, 1988, when George Bush announced at the Republican National Convention in New Orleans that the 41-year-old Indiana senator was his choice for running mate, Mr. Quayle lost control of his fate. Catapulted onto a political toboggan ride, he was left by election time a shaken man with a tattered reputa-

"He really didn't understand what he was getting into," said Stuart Spencer, the veteran California campaign consultant who managed the vice presidential race.
"I just miscalculated," Mr. Quayle said.
"And perhaps overestimated my skills."
Mr. Quayle had worked for six months

to be picked by Mr. Bush. Yet, at the critical moment, he was not ready. After Mr. Bush called his hotel room at the convention to tell him he had been chosen, Mr. Quayle said, he thought, "Well, now,

what am I going to say?"

Mr. Bush's campaign organization, left in the dark until the last minute and surprised by his choice, was equally unpre-

On the riverside dock where he was being presented by Mr. Bush, Mr. Quayle according to virtually all pundits and polls,
grasped Mr. Bush by the arm and shoulders and cried out to the crowd: "Let's go
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Mr. Quayle to a cheerleader or a game

He did not need a terribly weighty message for the nation, but he had practically oo message at all. There had been no moments to talk with Mr. Bush before the announcement. In fact, he had never had a substantive conversation with Mr. Bush about his role in an administration. We walked right up on stage,"

Quayle said. "Boom, that's it."
The totality of the 1988 campaign is with characteristic rosiness, preferred to see it as "a great learning experience."

Yet, Mr. Quayle's performance in the 72

hours after his introduction as Mr. Bush's and all that."

"Jim," he remembered saying, "you know if it's me, there's a lot of education that needs to be done. There's who I am, hours after his introduction as Mr. Bush's

strugging with questions about his mili-tary service, family background, personal Quayle discovered that he would not he in wealth and academic record.

nominee, in a 90-minute televised debate know and who did not know him. from Omaha. And after that --- by design of the Bush campaign - Mr. Quayle rarely

At the root of many of the problems of the 1988 campaign, insiders said, was Mr. Bush's secrecy about his choice. Mr. Bush declined to be interviewed for these articles. He let none of his top political aides read the background checks he ordered on Mr. Quayle and the other finalists. He shielded his choice of Mr. Quayle from everyone until be flew into New Orleans on the second day of the convention.

Mr. Quayle said he had known in advance there would he shock and consternation if he were chosen. On the weekend before the convention, he phoned James A. something he prefers not to recall. He said be was "shaken" by what happened, but, with characteristic versions and more than the characteristic versions.

"Jim," he remembered saying "you know if it's me, there's a lot of education

running mate etched indelibly into the minds of millions of Americans a picture of a stumbling, inarticulate young politician, that all taken care of."

According to Mr. Quayle, Mr. Baker replied, "Don't worry about it; we have that all taken care of."

At dinner the night of Aug. 16. Mr.

control of any aspect of his own campaign. After those first three days, American He was introduced to Mr. Spencer and Joe voters did not get another long, serious Canzeri, a veteran Washington public rela-

"Why rock the boat?" he asked. "Up to that point," he said, "I had always been of the opinion that I could overwhelm people — I'm oot sure I've got the right word — but make them my people in a very short period of time."

At a news conference with Mr. Bush the morning after his selection, Mr. Quayle was battered with questions about his academic record and whether family connections had kept him out of Vietnam by helping him secure a place in the National

That night, in a misguided damage-control operation, Mr. Quayle was sent out to tour the four television anchor booths at the convention. In those interviews, he said that "phone calls were made" to ease his way into the National Guard, and his recollections appeared vague enough to sug-gest there might he significant details he was concealing. By the time he was fin-ished, be had raised more questions than be

Later be fought constantly with handlers who wanted him to give up off-the-cuff speaking and stick to the texts they had

When Mr. Quayle was allowed to ad lib, he frequently embarrassed Mr. Bush with

Trying to explain what he meant, he added, "I didn't live in this century." The conflict with the campaign staff came to a head with the October vice presidential debate. Mr. Quayle walked straight into Mr. Bentsen's haymaker by comparing his own tenure in Congress with John F. Kennedy's - something he had

been coached to avoid, Mr. Quayle acknowledged in a recent interview. The Quayles' resentment grew after the debate. Mr. Baker "waso't out there calling it a victory," one of the aides who was with them that night recalled.

Mr. Quayle said he had decided then to be his "own bandler."

After Mr. Quayle's declaration of inde-pendence, Mr. Spencer was replaced by Mitch Daniels, Mr. Quayle's friend from

He dropped the barriers to the traveling press and began frequent news confer-

In the end, it really didn't matter much, because from the debate until Election Day, the spotlight never again fell on Mr.

After the election, Mr. Quayle said, he expected the news media to let up.
"I never anticipated that the sort of cynicism and doubt and questioning of me would cootinue," be said.

NEXT: Quayle as vice president

AMERICAN TOPICS

Capital in the Dark After Cable Failure

An electrical power failure blacked out much of Washington as people were heading home in the gathering gloom of the eve-

ning rush hour. A spokesman for Potomac Electric Power Co. said the blackout Monday, possibly the largest ever to hit the capital, was caused by the unexplained failure of a power cable at a major generating phont. The outage struck about 5:15 P.M., phonging office build-ings into darkness, shutting down computers, cash registers and telephones and trapping some

people in elevators.

The blackout produced a flick-ering at the White House before emergency generators took over. it forced the cancellation of performances at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing

Volunteers with flashlights oined the police in struggling to keep long lines of cars moving along streets that lacked traffic

signals or streetlights. Subway trains kept going, although three stations were blacked out. By 7 P.M., many lights had flickered to life in the affected areas, and an hour later power was fully restored.

Short Takes

Fourteen immates on California's death row have sued for the right to have their sperm pre-served for potential artificial insemination of their wives and girlfriends. A spokesman at San Quentin prison said it was the first such request ever made in California, although not in the United States. Last year the Virginia Supreme Court denied a similar request by two condenmed prisoners as "frivolous." A spokesman said the California corrections department had been swamped with calls denouncing the prisoners' lawsuit there. But Carter R. King, a attorney for the prisoners, said: "Some of the parents of these inmates really want to have a grandchild. These are upstanding, law-abiding, tax-pay-ing citizens and none of them should be deprived of that right just because their son committed

Going a giant step further than cellular telephones, a new tech-

a terrible crime."



SUBWAY STUMPING — Governor Bill Clinton of Arkansas, left, a Democratic presidential candidate, riding on the New York subway with rush-hour commuters. He was on his way to speak at a gathering of Democratic leaders in Queens County.

nology is being developed that would assign numbers not to phones but to the people who use them, like Social Security numbers. The New York Times re-

ports. Called personal communications octworks or personal communications services, they would assure that a person could always be found — if he or she wanted to be, Just dial the num- | available telephooe. The user ber and a oetwork of computers, satellites and transmitting stations would track down the owner

could screen out unwanted calls or reroute them 10 an answering

Arthur Highee

U.S., in New Initiative, Weighs 50% Nuclear Weapons Cut

By R. Jeffrey Smith

Washington Post Service WASHINGTON - The United States is considering a can of rough-ly 50 percent in U.S. strategic nupresidential initiatives to mark the close of the Cold War and breakup of the Soviet Union, according to

They said senior representatives of the Defense and State departments and the White House began meeting before Christmas to dis-

Moscow last summer, and would result in billions of dollars of bud-

move quickly toward a much smaller U.S. arsenal of the weapons.

the proposals to be presented to were altered by the breakup of the President George Bush. But several Soviet Union and the expressed described in a report by the Joint Strategic Target Planning Staff, an nior policymakers to consider such . Soviet republics to eliminate most, advisory body.

"People appreciate that we just can't wait and sit back for these independent states to tear up their capabilities," an official said. "We have to join in," he added, referring to expected cuts of strate-

A recommendation for a 50 per-

to 5,000 or fewer. Such a cut would surpass the estimated cut of 2,000 required by the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty or START, completed with

get savings annually.
No decisions have been made on

cuss reducing the U.S. arsenal of a deep cut marked an important if not all, of the strategic arms on roughly 11,000 strategic warheads U.S. shift.

But officials said these views were altered by the breakup of the

gic nuclear arms in Russia, Ukraine, Belarus and Kazakhstan.

In '62 Missile Crisis, a Muted U.S. Pledge

Kennedy-Khrushchev Letters Show Highly Qualified Vow Not to Invade Cuba

By Don Oberdorfer

WASHINGTON — Highly classified correspondence between John F. Kennedy and Nikita S. Khrushchev as they settled the 1962. Cuban missile crisis does not contain an unconditional commitment by Mr. Kennedy that the United States would not mount another invasion of Cuba.

The long-withheld correspondence was released in Washington and Moscow. The subject of intense speculation in the nearly 30 years since the United States and Soviet Union came close to the brink of nuclear war, it shows that Mr. Kennedy carefully qualified his no-invasion pledge that helped to end the crisis.

The confrontation began after the United States verified reports that the Soviets were building launching sites in Cuba for offensive missiles that could easily reach the U.S. mainland. On Oct. 22, 1962, Mr. Kennedy ordered a naval blockade around the island and demanded the withdrawal of all missiles. After two weeks of international tension, Mr. Khrushchev agreed to withdraw them.

At the peak of the crisis, on Oct. 27, 1962, Mr. Kennedy agreed to "give assurances against an invasion of Cuba" and to call off the U.S. naval quarantine in return for Mr. Khrushehev's agreement to remove the missiles under UN supervision and not to reintroduce

This crucial letter from Mr. Kennedy was poblished by the State Department in 1973, but 11 succeeding letters between the two leaders

were disclosed only on Monday, in the face of a lawsnit by American University Professor Philip Breaner and before a meeting on the missile crisis involving former U.S., Soviet and Cuban officials starting Thursday in Havana.

A letter from Mr. Kennedy, dated Nov. 6, 1962, noted that his no-invasion assurance had already come under attack in the United States. Mr. Kennedy said, in a qualification of the pledge, that "the very minimum" that is necessary "is, as we agreed, the verified removal of the missile and bomber systems, together with real safeguards against their introduction." He said that "the continuing verification" that these weapons are not in Cuba was "an explicit condition" for his no-invasion pledge and that this was a serious problem.

In another letter to Mr. Khrushchev, dated Nov. 15, Mr. Kennedy said that "real progress" on continuing international observation of weapons in Cuba was "essential" before he could state his no-invasion assurance in more formal terms.

In a message to Mr. Khrushchev dated Nov. 20. Mr. Kennedy expressed regret that the Soviet leader had been unable to persuade the Cuban leader, Fidel Castro, to accept "a suitable form of inspection or verification." Mr. Kennedy added that "there need be no fear of present favorable course."

any invasion of Cuba while matters take their In the face of extensive efforts by Mr. Khru-

shchev to obtain a more binding and clear-cut

U.S. commitment, Mr. Kennedy repeated in a

Dec. 14 letter the requirement for "adequate

assurances that all offensive weapons are removed from Cuba and are not re-introduced. and that Cuba itself commits no aggressive acts against any of the nations of the Western Hemi-

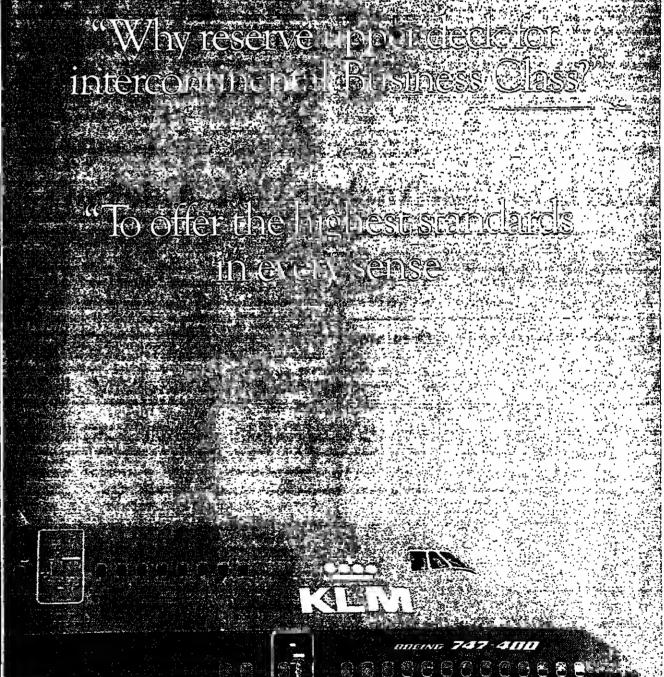
Adlai E. Stevenson, who was Mr. Kennedy's ambassador to the United Nations, was trying to negotiate a formal no-invasion commitme in return for Soviet pledges in New York. These otiations were unsuccessful.

Raymond L. Garthoff of the Brookings Institution, who was a State Department official at the time of the missile crisis and is the author of a 1989 book on the subject, said the most important revelation from the newly published correspondence is that "there is no smoking gun" in the form of an iron-clad Kennedy pledge banning a new U.S. invasion of Cuba. Earlier, the Kennedy administration had sponsored the ill-fated Bay of Pigs invasion by Cuban exiles, aided by the Central Intelligence

Agency.

The unusual inquiry into the missile crisis began with a meeting of former U.S. officials in 1987, followed by a meeting of U.S. and Soviet participants in the crisis later that year and two meetings of U.S., Soviet and Cuban participants in 1989 and 1990.

The Havana meeting planned for this week, at which Mr. Castro is expected to speak, will probably be the final meeting in the threenation series and may involve extensive publication of messages between Moscow and the Soviet embassies in Washington and Havana, according to Mr. Garthoff.





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By Lena H. Sun

BELIING - China on Tuesday expelled three members of the Canadian Parliament, who later complained that they had been "kid-napped" and "manhandled" just before they were to have visited a prison and laid wreaths in memory of those who died in the Tiananmen

Square crackdown in 1989. The three Canadians had just concluded a meeting at the Great Hall of the People and thought they were on their way back to their hotel when their bus was diverted to a police

Waiting for them were about 100 officers, including TV cameramen. "We were kidnapped," Svend Robinson of

British Columbia, the leader of the delegation, said after the group arrived in Hong Kong. We were bodily restrained from leaving

The delegation was ordered off the bus, they said, and then two of them were hurled back in the door, before they were all whisked off to the airport in a 14-vehicle convoy. We were shocked, we were roughed up, and

we were insulted, but we were able to leave," Mr. Robinson said. But thousands and thousands of Chinese suffer an ongoing profound violation of their rights, in some cases, for crimes of expressing their beliefs."

Mr. Robinson, 39, along with Geoff Scott, 53, and Beryl Gaffney, 61, was in Beijing on a fact-finding mission. The three were guests of the Chinese People's

China Forcefully Expels 3 Canadian Deputies Institute of Foreign Affairs, which is affiliated with the Foreign Ministry.

In the past, authorities have expelled foreigners who have tried to meet with dissidents or attend trials of activists. But the move Tuesday was the first time a parliamentary delegation has been expelled since Tiananmen. At the airport, the delegates were given their

from their rooms at the Beijing-Toronto Hotel and stuffed into laundry bags. The three were put on the first flight to Hong Kong.

In a brief statement carried by Xinhua, the official press agency, authorities accused the

belongings, which security officials had taken

legislators of engaging in "activities incompati-ble with their status." It said the Beijing Municipal Public Security Department had asked them to leave immediately, but it did not elaborate.

Searching for a Role, Spain Shies From EC and Reaches Out to Latin America

By Barry James

mai Herold Tribune SEVILLE, Spain - As it marks the 500th anniversary of conquest in the Americas, Spain is trying to reassert its influence on nations there that no longer bold a strong affinity for Madrid.

To many Spaniards and people in Latin America, this is an outmoded - although romantic - notion. But the government is making it a central plank of its foreign policy.

In doing so, Spain's presumption of a big-ger role in Latin America conflicts with the view of many people in Spain, and in the European Community, that the primary need is to consolidate its position in the EC. And it assumes that a role Spain has not exerted for many years indeed still exists.

Yet, for Spaniards it is comforting to turn from the stern business of competing with Germany or France within the Community to the siren call of shared language and cultural values with friends across the Atlantic.

Madrid says its most important policy goal during the commemoration of the 500th anniversary of the discovery of the New World is the formation of a Latin American community of nations -- with a clearly defined legal

framework - with which Spain could cooperate culturally, economically and politically.

But, as one official here said, "Mexico does not need to talk to Spain to talk to Germa-

In addition, forging closer ties with Latin America is not a priority for the EC, which is

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more concerned about Eastern Europe and

the Middle East. Most Spaniards today are uncomfortable with the Franco-era concept of "Hispani-dad," which implied that God had given

Spain a civilizing mission in the Americas,

Today, that old sense of communion with the fellow Spanish-speaking countries of Lat-in America is shorn of its "visceral, presumptuous and arrogant sense of Hispanic identi-ty," according to the historian Juan Pablo Fusi Aizpurua, although Spaniards retain many family, emotional, cultural and economic ties with Latin America.

Although Spain has cast its destiny with Europe, it still finds a sense of identity with all it shares with Latin America, particularly language. This identification amplifies some say exaggerates - Spain's sense of political weight.

"There is nonetheless a logical relation linked to language and culture." Mr. Fusi said. "Against this is the distance. The Americas are a long way away."

Foreign Minister Francisco Fernandez Ordonez said the most important - though not the most glittering — event in this year of anniversaries and fiestas for Spain is a meeting in July of heads of state from 21 Spanishand Portuguese-speaking nations.

The first such meeting was held in Mexico last summer, bringing together leaders as disparate as King Juan Carlos I of Spain and Fidel Castro of Cuba, and opening up for the first time the idea of wide-ranging coopera-tion between Latin countries with different social systems.

Spain sees its relationship with Latin America in much the same way as the British relationship with the Commonwealth. But neither Britain nor France play the public advocacy role in the EC for their former colonies that Spain pretends to carry out for the Latin American nations from which it has

been formally separated for more than 200

Rafael Lopez Pintor, a sociologist and polltaker in Madrid, said that however much Spain portrays itself as an intermediary with America, "the Latin Americans do not need

"Other European countries have much stronger economic and political relationships with Latin America than we do," he said.

EC officials point out that while Spain's relations with Latin America can be useful,

the EC Commission in Brussels - not the government in Madrid - has the responsibility of negotiating any trade relations with the

One diplomat said it was convenient to use Madrid as interlocutor when problems arose with the EC because of language or cultural differences. But, he said, generally, Latin American countries do not need Spain's assistance in most trade or economic relations

Spain does not see it that way. The government justifies the 184 billion pesetas (\$1.9 billion) invested in the Universal Exposition in Seville and the accompanying 500 billion peseta modernization of Andalusia's train system as a means of turning the region into a crossroads between Europe and Latin America.

Virgilio Zapatero, a government minister acting as executive coordinator of the exposition, said Expo '92 would leave the region well-equipped for economic and cultural re-lations with Latin America as well as with North Africa and the Mediterranean. Yet, officials do not support these assumptions with concrete figures.

In 1976, King Juan Carlos I first floated the idea of a great universal celebration to commemorate the voyage to the New World. Christopher Columbus was then still an undisputed hero, Franco had been dead less an a year and the assumptions about Spain's role in Latin America, if any, tended to be arrogant and assertive. A Franco-era plaque in the Indies Archives here, for example, talks of the "universal destiny of salva-tion" of the Spanish missionaries.

Now people are bringing up tales of massa-cred Indians, exterminated cultures and bur-ied civilizations, while Columbus is decried in some circles as history's great despoiler.

All this has made the Expo organizers reluctant to talk about Spain's colonial record, or even to use the word "discovery," even though a main theme of the event is the age of discoveries. They prefer to talk about an "encounter," as though Columbus and the New World bumped into each other

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by accident. The official caution about discussing Spain's history frankly — the bad aspects along with the good — was attacked at a recent conference about the discovery sponsored by the Royal Historical Academy. The organizers complained that they received no support from the official V Century Committee, apparently because of a wish to tone down critical references to the past.

The historian Emilio Garcia Gómez regretted that the word discovery "begins to be out of fashion," and said that trying to celebrate the 500th anniversary without regard for the past was like wanting a tree to flower after having cut off its roots.

Aving car on its roots.

Another historian, Miguel Molina, author of a book about the conquest called "The Black Legend," said Spain's Socialist government appeared to he trying to replace historical reality with a "pink legend," in which the "encounter" was the culmination of a series of good and heroic actions.

France's Socialists

Begin a Shake-Up

By Alan Riding

New York Times Service
PARIS - The head of France's

overning Socialist Party resigned

Tuesday, within the state for a political shake-up aimed at raising

President François Mitterrand's

sagging popularity and heading off predicted opposition victories in

forthcoming regional and parlia-mentary elections.

former prime minister who has

held the post of party first secretary since May 1988, said that Laurent

steadily over the past year.

have described the expected change

as e new attempt by Mr. Mitter-

rand to recover the political initia-

tive by asserting stronger control

Pierre Mauroy, a 63-year-old

Arabs Say UN Vote Against Israel Lets Peace Talks Resume

AMMAN, Jordan - Arab officials said Tuesday that the Middle East peace talks would resume in Washington now that the United Nations Security Council has condemned Israel's planned deportation of 12 Palestinians.

The 15-member Security Council voted unanimously Monday night against the expulsion orders, calling them a violation of international law and asking Israel to halt deportations and to allow expelled people to return. The United States refused to use its veto power on the council to shield Israel

Yossi Ben-Aharon, chief of staff for Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and leader of the Israeli delegation to the peace talks, accused the United States of bowing to the Arabs' demands to ensure their presence at the negotiations.

"We can only express our bitter-ness, our anger and our regret that the United States continues to pay a price to bring the Arabs to the negotiating table at the expense of Israel and of terror victims," he said in an interview with Israeli

Jordan's chief negotiator, Abdul Salam Majali, said Tuesday that his and a Palestine Liberation Organiention spotesonal said the rest of the Arab delegates — Palestinians. Syrians and Lebanese - would return shortly to Washington.

Bassam Abu Sharif, political adviser to the PLO chairman, Yasser Arafat, said in Tunisia that all the Arab delegations would travel to Washington "within the next 24 hours" to resume the talks.

A senior PLO official said earlier that Mr. Arafat told aides after meeting in Amman with Prime Minister Zeid ibn Shaker of Jordan that the Palestinians would return to Washington because he considered the UN resolution "satisfac-

The resolution is part of an open bettle between the Palestinians and Israelis, and we intend to continue the battle during negotiations," the PLO official quoted Mr. Arafat as saving.

Although the Israeli delegation had returned to Washington for resumption of the talks, the Arab delegations stayed away after Israel announced the planned expulsions.

Israel says the 12 Arabs to be expelled helped foment attacks that have claimed the lives of four delegation would resume the talks. Israeli settlers in the occupied terri-



Hanan Ashrawi, spokeswoman for the Palestinian delegation to the Mideast peace talks, with her daughter Zeina in the occupied West Bank town of Ramallah on Tuesday after announcing that the delegation would leave for Washington to resume the negotiations.

October.

Israel's UN representative. Yoram Aridor, said the wording of the resolution was the harshest ever directed at Israel over deporta- backing for the motion, tions. He said Israel would contin-

tories since the peace talks began in ue to use deportations to defend with the United States about this itself against terrorism.

Benjamin Netanyahu, deputy foreign minister of Israel, said he was disappointed by American

issue, Mr. Netanyahtı said on Israeli radio. "But we at least thought there was some understanding that we must take steps to defend ourselves against an increasing wave of

representative to the United Nations, told the council that Israel's deportation policy violated international conventions protecting civilians in occupied lands.

renovation of the party leadership may soon be followed by a shake-

up in the cabinet of Prime Minister Edith Cresson, whose performance has been widely criticized since she took over from Michel Rocard as bead of government in May. Even though the slump in her popularity has undermined the president's own standing in the polls, Mr. Mitterrand has until now strongly defended Mrs. Cresson.

the Socialists lose badly in regional elections in March.

The president himself has set his sights on parliamentary elections due before June 1993 in the knowledge that a defeat for the Socialists will force him to cohabit — as he did uncomfortably between 1986 and 1988 - with a conservative -

opposition prime minister. He has therefore taken to appearing frequently on television to urge his countrymen to break out of what he has called their "crisis of langour" and to argue that, despite an economic slowdown and rising unemployment, France's economy remains essentially strong.

Fabius, another former prime min-ister who is now president of the National Assembly, was "best placed" to be named his successor. He has not been belped, however, by the power struggle within the If, as expected, Mr. Fabius is Socialist Party for the party's presiappointed by the party's executive dential nomination when Mr. Mitcommittee when it meets here terrand's second seven-year term Thursday, he will assume the task ends in 1995. And even Mr. Fabiof breathing life into a Socialist us's likely appointment as party political machine that has watched helplessly as its fortunes have fallen head is being viewed through the prism of the succession race.

Political experts said Mr. Fabius Some French commentators won Mr. Rocard's backing for the joh because, while both men have anxious to block the political rise of Jacques Delors, the powerful head over the Socialist Party. Mr. Fabi-us, who is still only 45, has long been considered a favorite of Mr. of the European Community's executive commission, who is a strong contender for the presidency

But there is also speculation that Mr. Delors's current term at the EC ends in December and, in recent months, he has become increasingly active in French politics. Some Socialists would like him to replace Mrs. Cresson as prime minister, but others fear this would assure him the presidential nomi-

nation in 1995. Adding to uncertainty, Mr. Mitterrand has said that later this year he will propose constitutional changes, including one cutting the replace her if - as anticipated - years.

In an Algiers Exhibition, an Attempt to Explain Islamic Law The Islamic Salvation Front, which won 188 seats in basic obligations of Muslims are in harmony with Abdelquader Hachani, 35, an engineer, apologized for By Youssef M. Ibrahim

New York Times Service ALGIERS - Redwan Hasnaoui leaves little doubt when he expresses full confidence that the rule of

Islam is just a few days away. me moves with ease in a vast exhibition hall set in by the Islamie fundamentalists in downtown Algiers to show how an Islamic government would resolve the country's economic, social and political problems.

The modern world is going through a major moral crisis which can be very confusing to young people and, in my opinion, to all people," said Mr. Hasnaoui, 23. a graduate of the Islamic Science Institute of Algiers who serves as a volunteer at the exhibit. "Just look what is happening in Russia. Personally, I have found many of the answers and the solutions in

the first round of free elections for parliament on Dec. 26, is using the exhibit to explain "Islamic rule."

Islamic rule provided the Front with a platform to win an electoral victory only 28 votes away from a in the second round, set Jan. 16.

The exhibition represents the Front's lirst serious effort to go beyond its simple slogan that "Islam is the solution," to show Algerians how an Islamie government can resolve the country's problems. These include a \$25 billion foreign debi, nearly 30 percent unemployment and severe shortages in health services, housing and, above all, hope.

Among other things, the exhibit shows Islamic rule in some detail: bow a court of law functions, how a financial system is supposed to operate and how the Front's headquarters, the party's acting president,

buman nature. These obligations include moral purity, prayer, the yearly fast and zakat, the equivalent of a voluntary tax system.

Nothing at the exhibit, however, explained in detail e rront intends to nancie the country s problems. From everything the party has published or proclaimed so far, there is no evidence that the Front has an economic program that substantially distances it from the changes initiated by the governing National Liberation Front in the last two years. These include privatization of public companies; steep cuts in food subsidies as decreed by the International Monetary Fund, and devaluation of the dinar, the basic mone-

Not far away from the exhibition hall, at the Islamie

receiving visitors in a converted apartment.

The two top leaders of the party, Abassi Madani and Ali Belhadi, as well as six other senior party figures, have been imprisoned since June, accused of

plotting to overthrow the government. "We do not doubt that the Islamic Front will win the majority in Parliament," Mr. Hachani said, "It must be clear that we are coming to government to solve the problems of Algerians."

Referring to widespread reports that the government would try to invalidate the vote in a large number of electoral districts, to dilute the Front's victory, Mr. Hachani said: "Those who refuse the results of the elections should be mindful they are rejecting the choice of the Algerian people, not merely

Gunmen Fire at Backers Of Ex-Georgian Leader

TBILISL, Georgia — Fighters loyal to the Military Council that drove President Zviad Gamsakhurdia from Georgia opened fire Tues-day on thousands of people rally-ing in support of the deposed the white jackets worn by the EC leader. Several people were wound-

> The rally began at the train station, with people shouting Mr. Gamsakhurdia's name and waving Georgian flags. Eventually the crowd grew to about 4,000. As the demonstrators were

marching through the capital, someone threw a smoke bomb into the crowd and fired into the air. The marchers continued.

After the marchers passed a hotel, a group of eight to 10 armed men loyal to the Military Council appeared and formed a line across the street. They fired into the air and then some fired at the crowd. People panicked and started run-

ning.
One man was treated for a leg wound, and two women were seen being carried away. It was not possible to determine the total number

A pro-Gamsakhurdia rally at the

by masked gunmen, and two peo-ple were killed and 25 were wound-

The latest shootings came as Georgians took stock of the devastation from 16 days of fighting that subsided Monday when Mr. Gamsakhurdia fled the parliament building where be and his support-ers had been pinned down. Mr. Gamsakhurdia, accompanied by about 120 armed supporters, left in a convoy of cars and armored vehicles for Armenia.

The Military Council formed by opposition leaders controls Tbilisi and has promised to try to form a civilian coalition government.

Dzhaba foseliani, a leader of the Military Council, said, meanwhile, that any move to join the new Commonwealth of Independent States would have to await establishment of civilian rule.

Mr. Ioseliani invited the former Soviet foreign minister, Eduard A. Shevardnadze, to return to Geor-

gia, his native land, and participate in a new government.

Mr. Shevardnadze said in Mos-

cow he would not rule out running

Algeria to Sign Nuclear Pact, Aide Says

ALGIERS - Algeria will sign the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty with the International Atomic Energy Agency "very soon" according to a senior official of the Algerian Foreign

The decision appeared to be a reaction to renewed accusations in the Western press that Algeria, which had so far refused to sign the treaty, was developing an atomic bomb in cooperation with Iraq.

The official did not say when the treaty

would be signed, but he asserted that the decision to do so had been made and would be carried out in the immediate future. "Our intention is to close the file on this atomic energy issue in a very clear way," the official said in a reference to reports about

Algeria's nuclear military activities, which first surfaced in Washington in March just after the On Monday, the Algerian prime minister, Sid

Ahmed Ghozali, denied a report in The Sunday Times of London that said Iraq had shipped enriched uranium to Algeria and that the two countries were cooperating to make the first "Islamic atomic bomb."

The newspaper said that Iraqi scientists were helping Algerian scientists on the project. Previous reports had said that Algeria, with Chinese help, was trying to convert a nuclear research facility into e weapons manufacturing

Saying he "categorically denies" that Algeria is pursuing any cooperation with Iraq or that it is seeking to make a nuclear bomb, Mr. Ghozali challenged "those who leaked this information to either withdraw it or supply proof of the

To date Algeria had refused to sign the non-proliferation treaty arguing that Israel, which has acquired nuclear arms, has also refused to sign that treaty.

The independent Algerian press, as well as

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the government media organs registered strong objections Tuesday to the latest reports.

Al Wetan, the largest independent daily in the country, said in an editorial that "the relentless attacks of the Anglo-Saxon press on Islamic nuclear weapons are that much stranger when compared with the silence about the Israeli atomic bomb which well and truly exists."

Mr. Ghozali said in his comments Monday that Algeria was proceeding with the construc-tion of a second nuclear research facility with Chinese belp, stressing that his country was one of those that cooperate closely with the International Atomic Energy Agency of Vienna, which regularly controls the activities of the

Mr. Ghozali did not suggest in his remarks, however, that his country was on the verge of signing the nonproliferation treaty as the senior Foreign Ministry official asserted Tuesday. — YOUSSEF M. IBRAHIM

CROATS: EC Helicopter Downed lage of Novi Marof. Reporters at (Continued from page 1) the crash site said they saw one of

Alexandar Popovic, 17, told a Reuters news agency reporter. "One helicopter was hit. The second vecred to the right to escape. "I got to the wreckage of the first

he added. "I saw three bodies in the helicopter and two more bout 100 or 150 meters away."

an emergency landing in the village of Madjarevo, 20 kilometers (12) about 100 or 150 meters away." among the European Community monitors since they began operating in Yugoslavia soon after the Serb-Croat war began in July -

included four Italian soldiers and

one French officer, the Italian and

French foreign ministries confirmed. The wreckage of the helicopter fell to earth over a 3-square-mile (8square-kilometer) area near the vil-

Sharks Kill Kenya Swimmer

"The attack on the EC mission helicopter bears witness to the readiness of the Yugoslav Army to embark on a fresh escalation of the conflict and a provoking of the in-ternational community," Mr. Gre-guric said in his letter to the EC.

monitors hanging in a tree.

A second EC helicopter, which

had been flying in tandem with the downed craft from Belgrade to Za-

greb via Hungarian airspace, made

In a letter to the EC, the Cro-

atian prime minister. Franio Gre-

guric, charged that the attack on

the helicopter was proof that the

Yugoslav Army intended to reig-

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It remains to be seen what effect the helicopter downing will have on year-old Kenyan swimming et a a pending UN decision to commit tourist resort near Mombasa. peacekeeping forces to Yugoslavia.

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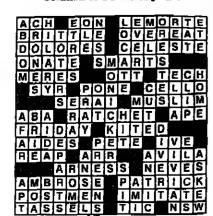
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PRICES: U.S. Expects 60 Delegations at Talks on Aiding Former Soviets

(Continued from page 1) The incidents seemed more the exception sailed the plan as a waste of time, has not yet responded to the U.S. invitation. U.S. officials said the aim was to avoid duplication and to make sure that certain regions of the former Soviet Union were not ignored by aid donors. They are also hoping that some nations will come forward with fresh promises but the effects have proved uncertain. In another symptom of the post-Communist

mestic criticism of U.S. help for the former

■ Price Protests Francis X. Clines of The New York Times reported from Moscow: The first expressions of angry protest were reported Tuesday among the battered consum-

of aid and that the conference will defuse do-

drastically rising food prices. Store windows were broken in Stavropol by shoppers protesting the price of sausage, according to Tass, which offered few details. The news agency said that meat prices were lowered

ers of Russia as they attempted to cope with

35 3 CONSCOUENCE. Some taxical windows in Yakutia were also reported broken in protest of a 15-fold increase

than the rule as Russia and its neighbors adjust-ed warily but peacefully to the unpredictable situation. Price controls on most basic goods were ended last week in the hope of engendering free-market forces of supply and demand,

problems of the former Soviet Union, Ukraine's attempt at a blanket takeover of Soviet Army units began to meet resistance as soldiers refused to pleage allegiance to Ukraine authority. The first military units to rebuff Kiev's de-

mands already were being redeployed outside the republic, according to the Interfax news agency. The units, which the agency said numbered about 100, were being reassigned to Russian territory, according to the report, which did not specify how many soldiers were involved.

A separate report on the Vesti television news said that the protesting soldiers included 300 troops transferred to the Moscow region, most of them Uzbekistan troops who already had begun a hunger strike in Ukraine demanding that they be sent to their home republic.

In exercising its post-union sovereignty, Ukraine is claiming the right to take control of most of the Soviet military units on its territory as well as of the vast Black Sea fleet. The issue is causing increasing friction between Russia and Ukraine as they and most other former Soviet republics attempt to protect their independence yet seek free-market progress through their new Commonwealth of Independent States.

In the consumers' struggle in the marketplace, the general form of protest thus far has been a flat refusal to buy the more drastically overpriced products. Shoppers were refusing to purchase milk in various regions, and the police were called out in Vladimir to deal with milk disturbances," in which protest but no violence was reported. Tass reported a sharp decline in buying activ-

ity among wary shoppers as well as "e trend toward a partial decline" in food prices because of a lack of demand, although no large-scale statistical evidence was offered. The price of various prepared fish fell by half and more in Murmansk, according to Tass, which reported that the lower prices still were 10 times what they had been before the liberal-

ization program was introduced.

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Nigel Hawthorne plays the title role in Alan Bennett's "The Madness of George III," at the National Theatre.

By Sheridan Morley International Herald Tribune

ONDON — "King George the Third," runs one of those old English schoolboy verses beloved of schoolmasters trying to drill history into recalcitrant pupils, "ought never to have occurred." He did, however: He was the one who lost the colonies (or gave America indepen-dence, depending on the side of the Atlantic from which you view these matters) and went

spectacularly mad.

Indeed MGM once made a film in which, as portrayed by my venerable father, the king went loony enough to strangle one of his own footmen, before setting about the neck of Peter Ustinov as a succeeding George IV. MGM was not however renowned for its accuracy in matters of European thrones, and it has been left to the playwright Alan Bennett to give us, in "The Madness of George III," at the National Thearre, a rather more historical account of sovereign lunacy in the late 18th century.

As portrayed by Nigel Hawthorne, in what. will doubtless prove another award-winning performance here and subsequently on Broadway (his latest was as C. S. Lewis in "Shadow-lands"), George III was an amiable little Hanoverian, devoted to a wife he called "Mrs. King". and understandably worried about Prinny, his overweight and underachieving sou and heir. It was, however, the king's misfortune to be stricken at least three times in his life with porphyria, an hereditary mental imbalance inherited from James I but not even identified

correctly until about 40 years ago. . So Bennett's savage, masterly political comeshows us a demented monarch given to frightening fits of intelligence and sanity, sur-

Koltès, the fiery French dramatist who after a pro-

pitious start as a play-wright died at 41 in 1989, has left

behind an explosive farewell mark.

as an offense to public decorum. The audacious Koltès would prob-

ably be pleased that his swan song,

a dramatization of a compulsive

killer's many murders, is causing a

It was inspired by a case that held the headlines in 1988. A de-

ranged young man, Roberto Succo,

police inspector, a child and possi-bly several others. He was arrested,

escaped and vanished, then recap-

tured in Italy when a 16-year-old girl who had become his compan-

ion saw his photo on a poster and

informed the police. Confined as

dangerously insane, he was injured

in an escape attempt, then commit-

ted suicide by covering his head

With a slight name change, Kol-

tes's "Roberto Zucco" was staged

with a plastic bag.

murdered his father, his mother, a

His final play has been attacked

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rounded by corrupt courtiers and confused medics, all of whom see, in an as yet undiag-nosed illness, varying chances for political and personal self-advancement.

While never losing sight of the personal trag-edy of an amiable if rather unimaginative man periodically losing grip, Bennett manages to set him brilliantly in the context of his social and historical and medical times. The play is an exercise in courtly embarrassment, never better than when one of the doctors starts the king on therapeutic reading of Shakespeare, only to find himself deeply embroiled in "King Lear" and the madness of another monarch. Nicholas Hytner's production in the Lyttleton has a back-up team of the best character actors in town, with Charles Kay and Harold Innocent leading for the doctors while Julian Wadham and James Villiers take care of the politicians. If you should have the misfortune to go mad, Bennett is finally telling us, try to do so well away from surgeons and statesmen.

T the Shaftesbury, Ken Hill's "Phantom of the Opera" is checkly billed as "the original stage musical" to distinguish it from the more famous Andrew Lloyd Webber version of a year or two later, though apparently in ignorance that musical versions of the "Phantom" have been around on stage and screen for the best part of a century. This one uses the music of Gounod, Offenbach and Verdi to tell the usual tale of the man in the mask, and has proved over the last decade to be a sturdy enough roadshow both here and in the United States.

uncertain as to whether to play the old melodra-

Murderer as Hero, Koltès's Legacy

Bernard-Marie Koltès, author of "Roberto Zucco."

miere, it caused an uproar, particu-

larly in Chambery, the scene of some of Succo's killings. In November "Roberto Zucco" opened at the TNP, without pro-

test, playing four weeks to packed

houses. It since has been seen in

Nice, Marselle and Brussels, with-

ont objection. It will be seen in

Chambery and is due at the The-

Populaire at Villeurbanne, near has taken what he requires from the Lyon, announced the French pre-

vibrant drama, with insight, ideas and intensely personal magic.

"What an incredible voyage, a mythical personage, a hero like Go-

liath or Samson, a monster of force,

cut down by a stone or a woman,"

ma straight or send it up rotten in the hope that the audience will forgive a slender budget and a sadly shopsoiled set. Reginald Marsh is com-mendably irritable as the theater manager, but Peter Straker as the Phantom seems to have had

T the Bush, "The Marvellous Boy" is a cast-improved account of Thomas Chatterton, poet, prodigy and forg-er, which would have benefited greatly from a single dramatist and a rather cooler approach to a remarkable biography. The visiting Public Parts theater company takes pride in a rehearsal process which, over six weeks, allows all its members to agree on the shape and content of their shows, but the result here has been to lose focus on a good story. Chatterton was dead of arsenie poisoning by the time he was 17, but remained the inspiration of Blake, Wordsworth and Coleridge as well as the first poetic superstar to burn out on drugs. It would have been enough just to tell the tale of this anti-Amadeus: instead we get a cappella singing, a lot of overacting but pre-cious little bght on his life or career.

Finally at the Duchess, "An Evening with Gary Lineker" is one of those festival him from the Edinburgh Fringe that has somehow lost something on the journey south. A couple of soccer fans and their women are gathered in a Majorcan hotel room to watch the England-West Germany semifinal of the last World Cup while their own lives gently unravel in acrimony about soccer-widowhood and the curious fanta-Cooke's somnolent production.

calling his atrocities.

The play operates on two levels.

For the groundlings there is the

suspense of a thriller, the killer

stalking his prey, the manhunt, the

escapes, while the discerning will appreciate the classic tragedy of

Bruno Boeglin, an intimate of

The Writer vs. Hollywood, a Sequel

By Bernard Weinraub
New York Times Service

OS ANGELES - Lem Dobbs should be one of the happiest writers in town. He was 31 on Christmas Eve but spent most of the day working He is under contract to write a comedy for the director Ivan Reitman that will star Danny DeVito and to write a drama for the director Robert Zemeckis. And he is set on directing his own screenplay for the producer David Lynch. But Dobbs, who acknowledges that being a

successful screenwriter is "incredibly lucrative," is one of Hollywood's angrier young men. He says he is angry that his latest movie, "Kafka," which has received mixed reviews, has been mangled. He says he is angry about the "pitiful exis-tence" of screenwriters in Hollywood, which he

says is far worse than he imagined. And he is angry, he says, that movies seem so "shallow and poor and infantile," especially compared with the ones made in the 1960s and 70s. "If I see one more teeny toddler in a movie ad

give the thumbs-up sign, I'll start yelling!" he exclaims. "Can't we make interesting films anymore? Where are our 'Bonnie and Clydes' or Tive Easy Pieces?"

Most people outside the film business have never heard of Dobbs, who has written three produced movies, "Hider in the House," "The Hard Way" and "Kafka," which he says he views with a mixture of indifference and comtempt. But his reputation within Hollywood is formidable. Premiere magazine called him a genins in the summer of 1990 in an article entitled "The Best Writer in Hollywood?"
His screenplay "Edward Ford," a drama

about a small-time cowboy actor in Hollywood over three decades that ends in the waning days of the B western, has often been described as one of the town's finest improduced movies.

Dobbs is now, finally, making plans in direct the movie himself, with Lynch as producer. Dobbs says it is his view that a director is the centerpiece of any film effort. As a result, be says he is now planning to devote as much of his career as possible in directing.

Although successful and sought after, Dobbs echoes the bleak views of many screenwriters

im town, views that have been expressed in the past by such prominent authors as F. Scott Fitzgerald and Clifford Odets, who wound np

in Hollywood writing movies for the money.

Dobbs says he accepts the fact that it is hard for outsiders to be sympathetic to writers in Hollywood; top writers who rewrite screenplays are offered as much as \$100,000 a week. But he acknowledges that he has learned some bitter lessons since he came to Hollywood at the age of 18 to work in the movie business

Being a writer is a great life, lonsy career, said Dobbs. "It is incredibly lucrative. I have a nice house. I can buy a record or book and not think twice about it. I'm such a movie fan that I'm thrilled when I see my name on movie posters of even bad movies that I have worked

The trouble is, there's a quality of giving up in Hollywood, It's very mysterious. Maybe peo-ple just lose their talent. But in so many cases you can't sit through films that were made by people who once made great films."



Lem Dobbs: Lucrative, but . . .

"It's so distressing," he added, "I get the Writers Guild newsletter, and it's pitiful. They have these glowing memorial tributes to these guys who died, guys who made terrific films, guys who wound up writing episodes of 'Gilliams, at the control of the contro gan's Island,' It's a pathene existence. At some point, people just stay here too long. It's like being at the roulette table. One more roll of the dice, and you say you'll walk away.

Dobbs, who was born in Oxford, England, is the son of the expatriate American artist R. B. Kitaj, the much-admired representational painter. At the age of 10, Dobbs accompanied his father in Los Angeles, where the artist sketched a number of great directors: John Ford, George Cukor, Jean Renoir, Billy Wilder.

The boy, who was entranced with American movies in the first place, was, essentially, obsessed with going to Hollywood as soon as he finished high school at the American School in

Within months of his arrival, Dobbs says, he began earning money as a writer. He took the name Dobbs from the character Humphrey Bogart played in "The Treasure of the Sierra

His most recent film is "Kafka." starring Jeremy Irons and directed by Steven Soderbergh, the author and director of "sex, lies and videotape." The fictional, surreal depiction of Franz Kafka's life opened briefly in early December in New York and Los Angeles to quali-

fy for Academy Award nominations. It will reopen around the United States next month. The film, which has stirred considerable interest, has many movie allusions, including those to Carol Reed's "Third Man," several films by Alfred Hitchcock and horror films of

ORBS speaks bluntly about the film. "Looking at it as a completely disinterested filmgoer, distancing myself from it, I can recognize cer-tain charms in the movie and I think it's rather interesting," he says. "If I gave it a moment's thought as the screenwriter, though, I'd have to

The essential roles were miscast, his vision of the movie to resemble a German expressionist borror film was brushed aside and the performers altered his dialogue throughout the movie,

"One of the great elienes of Hollywood, it's a writer's cliche actually, is when writers send letters to newspaper editors and demand their due and say why wasn't credit given to them on a movie and what does the public think — that actors just make up the words as they go along without the writer," Dohbs says.
"Well, I've got news for everybody. The ac-

tors do make up the words as they go along. And I don't think they're very good at it."

In an interview, Soderbergh defended the film but said be understood many of Dobbs's grievances. "When the film came out many of the criticisms leveled at it centered around the script, specifically the fact many people took Lem to task for not having a Kafka as deeply drawn as many of the critics would have liked. he said, "Well these are the kinds of things I cut out of the first draft: things about Kafka's personal life and family. I really wanted to

make a mystery thriller and not a biography.

There were certain instances where his dialogue was altered, but certainly the changes weren't made arbitrarily. In some cases, changes were made because although the words seemed wonderful on the page, they didn't seem

right coming out of an actor's mouth."

He added: "Lem and I get on well. I think he's the most gifted screenwriter I know. I think he knows this is what happens when you make a film, that I have to go off and make the film that I saw in my bead."

Cronenberg, Bugs and Burroughs But seen for the first time at West End prices, sies of football fanatics. What might have just it emerges as a distinctly tacky rerun of a plot that was overfamiliar even before Lloyd Webabout survived as a cabaret act in a seconddivision supporters' club looks painfully thin The image is Burroughs-inspired It's a Kafka high. You feel like a was a spy - the bug says that Joan By Caryn James ber transformed it, and its cast seems forever stretched across two theatrical bours in Audrey but Cronenberg-invented, and it bug, is an enemy agent and orders Bill to

New York Times Service

EW YORK - David Cronenberg has a soft spot for bags, and kind to him. His first feature was a low-budget 1975 borror movie called "Shivers," aka "The Parasite by forces beyond him and a victim of amnesia incapable even of re-Murders" and "They Came From Within," a grotesque bttle story about man-made, sexually-trans-

mitted killer parasites. His popular breakthrough came in 1986 with his remake of "The Fly," in which a scientist played by Jeff Goldblum turned into a giant fly that droofed gallons of sickenplacable fate. Its 15 scenes move ing fluid around the lab.

with the haste of a cinema chase. This penchant for insects had There is lyricism to several se- commercial value, but it did not quences and it is indisputably one seem to be an artistic obsession on of the most satisfactory of Koltes's the order of, say, Picasso's fascination with bulls.

Who knew what David Cronenthe author, is in charge of the production that only partially serves In his smashingly funny and wise the text. The opening scene is in a version of "Naked Lunch," bugs prison where two wardens discuss are the witty devices that bring the their captive, assuring themselves hero's unconscious desires to dizzy-

that he is socure in solitary, while as ing cinematic life.

they talk Zucco is seen on the roof

The film includes Magwamps, 6they talk Zucco is seen on the roof escaping, an excellent pictorial foot-tall buggy creatures that walk, touch. But in the staged version he talk and secrete a highly addictive does not appear and only the raucous alarm cots short the wardens' giant black cenn pedes, whose meat
chatter. Again, a sequence in which
Zucco bolds a woman and her ganare present in William Burroughs's gling son at gumpoint goes on too hallucinatory novel of addiction, long, testering on the edge of the homosexuality, mind control and absurd. The episode in which, in language games.

illustrate the maniac's softer side. But the movie, written and dihe aids an old man instead of knif- rected by Cronenberg, has an even ing him, is exceptionally well man-aged. writers that turn into bossy, talking Jerzy Radziwilowicz give a fair bugs. Keyboards grow out of the performance as Zucco, but the role bugs' faces, and paper rolls out of awaits a young Marion Brando. supposts the fearless creative leap

Here a writer named Bill Lee, a figure drawn partly from Burroughs's work and partly from his life, takes orders from the overgrown bugs. Maybe they're upset

that Bill is trying to kill them.
"So how is the exterminating business going, Bill?" a friend asks early in the film. As Bill Lee, Peter Weller is strikingly like the familiar image of William Burroughs, with his brown fedora and suit. deadpan intonation and skeletal face. Truth be told, the exterminating business (which once employed Burroughs)

is not so good. Bill gets home to find his wife, Joan (Judy Davis), with a syringe full of familiar vellow stuff, "I'm shooting up your bug powder," she explains. "It's a very hierary high.

jections of the character's imagination, ordering him to do what be secretly wants but is afraid to acknowledge. This allows Cronenberg to create a psychologically believable hero trapped in surreal

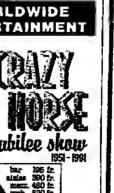
HEN Bill is arrested for drug possession, the police leave him in a room with a beetlelike bug the size of a large pizza.

Cronenberg invents a much kill ber. Just as Burroughs did in that allowed Cronenberg to take more crucial function for his bugs.

what be needed from a plotless moved and transform it into a stylish but viewers can see that the Mugnovel and transform to be on screen. That is why a Mugwump turns up in a bar and orders Bill to go on

> the lam to Interzone — a decadent fantasyland based on Tangiers to file his "reports," the writing that becomes the novel "Naked Cronenberg is not only having fun with these bugs; their absurdly

comic presence is central in the film's tone. He proves that obsessions are an artist's best friend, whatever creepy-crawly form they contact - be didn't even know he may take.







The benighted Zucco is not an intellectual testing himself, like Dostoyevsky's Raskolnikov. He is in German translation by Peter Stein at his Berlin Schaubühne in atre de la Ville in Paris in February. BUSINESS MESSAGE CENTER INTERNATIONAL RECRUITMENT REAL ESTATE MARKETPLACE HOLDAYS & TRAVEL EDUCATION DIRECTORY
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Nuclear Halfway House

As the Cold War ebbs, the United States cuts back on its strategic and tactical nuclear deployments, but pressures mount to cut back even further, leading the American military to try as best it can to get out in front of the debate. This is the context in which the Air Force commissioned a bipartisan panel of current and former Pentagon heavyweights, civilian and military, to ponder a post-containment nuclear strategy. Two broad approaches are evident in the larger debate.

One is to use the Kremlin's retreat to renounce nuclear weapons and to rebuild American security on the basis of global cooperation, diplomacy and, for the mil-tary part of it, non-nuclear weapons. Ad-herents argue for a "minimal" deterrent as a way station to aholition, for limiting the number and nature of targets, and for progressively restricting the circum-stances in which the United States would modernize, test and threaten to use an ever diminishing stockpile.

The second approach is more conventional and, in our view, sensible. It holds that nuclear arms exist and cannot be willed away or uninvented, and that the need is to find the right role for these

in the post-Cold War environment. This is the approach of the panel. It would lower the numbers of strategic warheads below even the newly negotiated floors. It would abandon the old strategy of concentrating on deterring the Soviet Union by firing massive numbers of nuclear missiles at Soviet weapons facilities and other targets, offering instead an option of non-nuclear sorties. It embraces an old purpose of nuclear and global preeminence but a new strategy of preparing for numerous nuclear and other uncertain threats arising from Soviet successor states, a range of Third World countries and elsewhere.

The numbers and sorts of weapons that should be retained, the particular rationales and plans offered for them - these matters are always dehatable. The important consideration is, however, that the world is still a dangerous and nucertain place, with far-flung technological capabilities. Especially a country like the United States, with friends, responsibilities and interests around the globe, must anticipate the darker contingencies — without being a slave to them.

- THE WASHINGTON POST.

Awaiting North Korea

North Korea has now told the International Atomic Energy Agency that it will shortly sign a nuclear safeguards accord. Barring a last-minute hitch, Pyongyang will then open all nuclear facilities to inspection. That is a giant step toward making the Korean Peninsula nuclearfree. It may also help free North Korea from years of self-imposed isolation.

North Korea deeply resents its reputation as a harshly regimented, deprived country desperate to acquire nuclear arms to stave off collapse. Yet only the North can dispel that impression - by letting outsiders in to see for themselves, starting with international inspectors.

One facility is especially worrisome, a plant at Yonghyon that experts suspect could reprocess plutonium for use in nu-

clear arms. Allowing prompt inspection of the plant will assure nervous neighbors that Pyongyang is keeping its pledge not to

acquire a reprocessing plant.
George Bush deserves much credit for these developments. His willingness to withdraw all U.S. nuclear arms from the peninsula, despite South Korean reserva-tions, coaxed North Korea toward openness. Once it has lived up to its part of the bargain, President Bush is prepared to cancel the joint military exercises that the United States has conducted annually with South Korea. One more big step remains: establishing normal diplomatic relations between Washington and Pyongyang. That would further reassure North Korea and hring peace to a long-troubled peninsula.

-THE NEW YORK TIMES.

'We Are Not Like Them'

When Czechoslovaks swept away communism in a velvet revolution, demonstrafors chanted "We are not like them." That proud distinction has been sadly blurred hy a "lustration law" recently enacted by the Federal Assembly.

The term itself has unfortunate roots. It derives from the Latin "lustrum" and means a purifying sacrifice carried out at five-year intervals in imperial Rome, Coincidentally, the new law provides for a five-year ban on employment of former Communist officials in government or private managerial posts. Even those who wrote the law were aware that its sweep was indiscriminate. An exemption is allowed only for people who held party office during the Prague Spring period. from 1968 through May 1969, but all other distinctions are ignored in a ritual sacrifice that could become contagious.

Last month the Education Ministry decreed that teachers and even canteen workers would also be lustrated. And in formerly Communist Hungary a lustration measure has also been adopted, although not yet signed by a justifiably dubious president.

Obviously, former Communists who were guilty of crimes deserve punishment. But the lawful course in a democracy is to proceed on a case-by-case basis with procedural safeguards. Under lustration, as Aryth Neier of Human Rights Watch

warns, the determination of guilt is collective and the presumption of innocence reversed. It is grimly reminiscent of what was called "class guilt" in Stalinist times.

Equally worrying, and oot just in Czechoslovakia, is the reliance on Communist police dossiers in lustration purges Those files are notoriously unreliable; agents eager for promotion padded their reports with bogus informers. Yet such police records were cited as proof of guilt by a lustration commission that was supposed to screen the assembly. The names of assembly members who refused to resign were read aloud; four were purged without even the semblance of a fair hearing. This precedent does not encourage confidence in government promises that an Interior Ministry commission will hear appeals of others named in Communist dossiers.

That the poison in those files should feed a clamor for retribution is a baleful legacy of a discredited system. President Vaclay Havel, who opposed but quietly acquiesced in the lustration law, has been preoccupied with preventing Czechs and Slovaks from dissolving their union. His eloquence is sorely needed to assure that justice is done, not mocked by an inquisition. What happens in Prague today can influence what happens in Warsaw. Budapest and the former Soviet Union tomorrow.

-THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Other Comment

America's Global Role

The demise of the Soviet Union as a military threat to the West has led America to begin cutting back its global security commitments. In Europe, more than half its troops are being withdrawn; in the Far East, Philippine bases are being given up and the military presence in South Korea is being scaled back; and elsewhere, military installations are being closed. But complete withdrawal from Europe would provide no cure for America's ills, and indeed, the long-awaited "peace dividends" might never be collected if American disengagement were to leave Europe abandoned as an unstable, fragmented continent at the mer-cy of nationalist conflicts.

Neue Zürcher Zeitung (Zurich).

Differences between the Europeans and the Americans are already bolding to ransom the Uruguay Round [of trade talks]. If these differences prove insurmountable and fortresses appear on both continents, Asia cannot but be burt. It is doubly important, therefore, for the Association of Southeast Asian Nations to strengthen its economic links with the United States. It is the domestic rejuvenation of the U.S. economy that will determine both the country's will and its capacity to remain engaged globally. However, that revitalization will require farsighted foreign partnership, in Asia pri-marily from Japan. What ASEAN can do is to show the United States that its Asia-Pacific presence is desired and valued.

— The Straits Times (Singapore).

Tourism: Who Needs It?

The murder of four British tourists in southern Angola is a reminder of the risks people routinely take when traveling ahroad. This is especially true of those who treat a foreign country as though it were little more than an atmospheric theme park.

It is not even necessary to travel far off the beaten track to run into trouble. As well as the dangers posed by Africa, South America and the Far East, there are equal perils for those who find themselves in the wrong neighborhoods of Miami or New York. A report published Tuesday on the worst resorts in the world points to the miseries that tourists themselves inflict upon the countries they visit. Pollution, overdevelopment, cultural ruin and appall-

ingly bad food are only a few of the hazards. The obvious alternative is for people to consider spending more of their holidays in this country, or simply to stay at home. Why, indeed, should so many people save for 11 months a year in order to spend the 12th on bolidays abroad that are not only far more expensive, but sometimes dange ous and often foul? If people stayed in their own countries it would do much to boost the domestic economy. We, after all, spend £2.5 billion more abroad than visitors spend here. The British find the American gnorance of this country an endless source of amusement. But on the whole we are no less inept when we travel there - or most other places for that matter. Better to cultivate our own gardens.

- The Daily Telegraph (London).

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Candid Talk by Bush in Tokyo Could Clarify the Issues * [Fig.

By A. M. Rosenthal

N EW YORK — George Bush has landed in Tokyo with 21 top American business executives and 2 full cargo of economic evasion, selfdelusion, bombast and prefabricated "agreements" that eleverly avoid the realities of the problems between the United States and Japan.

But that's all right —it will be fair trade at its best. The Japanese will meet him with their own complete

ents and national heritage, looking up now and then for a good cry. The reason for the failure will be that neither the United States nor Japan talk candidly to each other or to their own people about the core reasons for the problems and what can be done to solve them.

Just as important, both sides do not

The Japanese are not going to change a system that

has made them one of the most prosperous countries.

product line of economic hypocrisy, including that new and fast-growing specialty, contempt lightly camou-

flaged as compassion.
So the mission will leave the United States and Japan in exactly their present positions — the Japanese us-ing their skills, social strengths, history and every trick in the trade to remain powerful and growing the Americans wasting their own rich tal-

acknowledge that not everything can he solved. Some problems between them are deep in national social con-tracts that neither intends to change—

so we might as well get on with the struggle where there is no way out. Experience, I keep learning does not necessarily mean wisdom, but I did wind up my tour as a foreign correspondent in Japan knowing this about the Japanese mystery: There

like it, a cooperative community if you do. The Japanese have shown that within that sense of community they can argue, adapt and change. But gov-erument, business, politicians, the bureaucracy and the unions regard themselves as members of a national economics team, not adversaries. The idea that they are opponents to be separated by antitrust laws or con-

flict of interest concepts - a basis of

American society - is to them foreign

and foolish. Every day businessmen and government officials cooperate

call it conspiring — and against the outside world in ways that in the United States would put them all in jail. The contract is for loyalty up, loyalty down. Japanese unions have a way of staging work stoppages during lunch hreaks. But their members

know that they will not wake up one morning to find out that 70,000 of them have been fired. Before that was none. The country, like every othwould happen, executives would reer, is scrutable, on its own terms. sign, other companies would puch m Japan is a social, political and coand the banks would come through nomic whole — a cartel if you don't

with loans, on government orders. The Japanese are simply not going to change that system. It has made them one of the most prosperous countries on earth and, thanks to the United States, all accomplished peacefully under parliamentary democracy.

Americans would not like to be Japanese. The Japanese system does promote conformity, obsequiousness, rigidity. It suits neither American law nor American tradition. And let's never forget that it has been American traditions. can history, law and culture that in-spired the world and still does.

with each other — Americans would But once America's politicians recognize the differences between the countries instead of pretending there are really none, the United States can face reality. One essential is to examine America's own laws and tradiiry cooperation, combined research shared capital investment and encouragement of savings that have heiped Japan. We Americans don't have to become Japanese; neither do

we have to remain ostriches. Second step: In those defined cases: where the United States, calmly and patiently, decides that the Japanesesystem is being used deliberately against us, we should calmly and pa-

tiently sock it to them.

An American president should have the courage to say all that. Then he has to go one hard step further and say that what the whole world says about us is true. We spend too much, invest too little, allow our schools to be dominated by the limits of dullards. He should tell us that if we do not change we will wind up really deserving what the Japanese now just pretend to have for us—compassion. And how would we like that?

Then he can accomplish something

Tokyo, not before. The New York Times.

Dear Mr. Prime Minister: Your Country Needs to Shift Gears

T OKYO—Dear Kiichi Miyazawa: You are prime minister when Japan has become the world's most robust economy. You have been a key policy strategist for the last two decades and an architect of Japan's economic success. In the last five years alone your country has out-invested America by 21/2 to 1 on a per capita basis. Japan leads the world in automohiles, machine tools and semiconductors, and is positioned to move ahead in a number of key industries for the future.

Japan constitutes two-thirds of the entire economy of Asia. It is twice the size of the German economy, On present trends, Japan's output of goods and services could well equal

that of America early in the next decade.

The discussions you will have with President George Busb this week offer an opportunity for Japan to move to the center of the international stage and play a new role.

The significance of Mr. Bush's visit is not political hoopla. Nor is his purpose just to

shoehorn a few more cars and auto parts into Japan, to hear the right noises about GATT and to pick up a check for a supercollider in Texas. As the military issues of the post-Cold War period are increasingly sorted out, a redefinition of global economic relations has begun. That is the vital issue in Tokyo this week. With the United States on the mend and the

European Community overextended in Eastern Europe, you have said that Japan will play a locomotive role for the world economy. An initial measure of the possible impact of such a policy shift is Japan's staggering 115-trillionyen trade surplus in the past 10 years. That is greater than the annual GNP of Italy, an economy that provides 21 million jobs. Yet the vicious squeeze that your central

bank has had on the economy in the last two

By Kenneth S. Courtis

years is tipping Japan toward recession. That means that imports will sag, making the trade surplus even larger. Still more troubling is that in the desperate scramble for cash that the squeeze has provoked, Japan is now a major importer of investment capital.

Other forces are working to increase risk in global financial markets, such as the towering mountain of debt in America and a growing monetary shock from Eastern Europe. But when

Japan's value as an ally will no longer protect it from pressure to reform its domestic economic structures and its trade position.

Japan, the world's largest investor, swings the flow of funds to itself, trouble cannot be far off, Many are calling for another revaluation of the yen. But that would be unlikely to affect Japan's long-term trade performance. Despite a

tripling of the yen's value against the dollar in

the last 20 years, the Japanese trade surplus remains. In 1992 it will exceed \$100 hillion, the largest ever and the 25th surplus in 25 years. It should now be clear to all that Japan is fundamentally out of sync with the world economy. Amid the political and strategic imperatives of the old Cold War, this was tolerated. But as the political order of the last half-century dissolves, so the nature of the economic order

born of the Cold War is about to be trans-

formed. With the collapse of the Soviet Union, Japan's value as an ally will no longer protect it from pressure to reform its domestic economic structures and trade position.

Economies are set to become more intensely

international and integrated. The great corporations of Japan are already

positioning themselves to capitalize on these changes. They are set to participate in global markets on a whole new scale. In 1990 the value of overseas production by Japanese firms was about \$165 billion, equal to about half Japan's total annual exports. By the year 2000 the annual overseas output of corporate Japan will exceed \$1 trillion.

President Bush's visit this week signals that the economics of the new world order is moving very quickly to the top of the international agenda. The key interests of Japan are at stake. Your success as prime minister will ultimate-

ly be measured by your ability to lead the country through a radical transition. Your pledge to transform Japan into the locomotive for growth of the global economy has been understood by the world as a positive commitment to change. The most important first step in that direction is to liberate Japan's domestic market to release enormous pent-up demand. Much of Japan's unprecedented economic

growth in recent years came at the expense of the consumer, who has seen his spending fall from above 60 percent of GNP in the mid-1980s to near 56 percent at present, Were consumer spending to climb back to levels of the past decade, that alone would release some 17 trillion yen. Even then, consumer spending would be 3 or 4 percent lower in Japan than the average for other major economies. Release of this pent-up demand could occur

in a coninflationary manner only with radical

begin, the land and tax systems have to be fundamentally reformed. Think of the absurd situation we have at the moment: Some 14 percent of Tokyo is zoned and "taxed" as agricultural land. Building codes and tax laws work to maintain large tracts of Japan as urban wasteland. If this land were released for development, it would trigger a long-term expansion of residential construction and con-

sumer-led domestic demand. Some of the strongest supporters of your party have vested interests in the status quo, so resistance to change will be vehement. But failure to overcome such opposition already jeopardizes Japan's larger interests in the global economy, and the price is getting higher.

Japan today faces a situation similar to that of Britain in the 19th century when it was the most dynamic, innovative and low-cost producer in the world. The debate then about free entry of corn into the British market served as a metaphor for the larger question of Britain's role in the international economy. Today, for Japan, the debate about rice carries the same symbolism.

Policy should anticipate events, rather than be tied to the past. At key turning points of-history, such as the present one, the role of government is to break the political gridlock and lead the way forward. In your meetings this week with President Bush, you have the opportunity to show that Japan is prepared to move, and that you have the vision and will to lead.

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Instead of Getting Fired They Get More Millions

By Richard Cohen

everything balanced. Thus we can say that on "This Week with David Brinkley." George Will represents the right. Sam Donaldson the left and Cokie Roberts something in between. In this way all bases are covered and agreement is almost never reached - until last Sunday, that is, On the subject of executive pay, Messrs. Will. Donaldson and Roberts agreed: It's too high.

The show was aired sometime after midnight in Seoul, which is where George Bush happened to he at the time. He was about to leave for Tokyo where he would be joined by 21 corporate executives, all of whom make much more than their Japanese counterparts. Probably Mr. Bush did not see the show. Pity. It is not often that the left, the right and the center are in such agreement.

And, really, it is not that often that President Bush is that ont of

Americans look on with dismay and anger as things get worse but corporate pay goes up.

touch with the American people. In fact, being the pragmatic, cynical, nonideological, totally opportunis-tic politician that he is, it is downright remarkable that he has not read the public mood on this issue and moved to capitalize oo it.

The explanation for such adher-ence to principle is, in fact, adherence to principle: These corporate executives are meo of Mr. Bush's social and economic class. He will not give them the treatment they so

eminently deserve. One of the executives along on the Bush trip is Robert Stempel, chairman of General Motors. He earned \$2.18 million in salary and other sorts of compensation last year.

This year he announced the downsizing of the company — the closing of 21 plants, the loss of 74,000 jobs. He did not announce a cut in his own pay nor any high-level firings. On the contrary, the very men who have run GM into the ground are being retained and, we can guess, well rewarded.

Honda is one of those awful (hiss!) Japanese companies that have contributed to the humbling of the never-humble-enough General Motors. The Wall Street Journal, which nicely provided these nnmbers, reports that Honda paid its top 36 officers only \$10.2 million last year. Given the Japanese tax structure, the Journal estimates that your average top-level Honda executive brought home less than \$150,000. On the other hand, they make a

It is at this point that we are alerted to something called "cultural dif-ferences." The Japanese have this supposedly really weird loyalty to

Lerrific car.

WASHINGTON — It is the the group (do they call it "Points of manner of television to have Light"? 1 plus terrific expense accounts. Sometimes these differences are expressed in ways to make the Japanese seem as if they hail from another planet, so that nothing they do can be compared to anything done in the United States. Maybe so, but they still make terrific cars.

Having taken cultural differences into account, I would like to point out to Mr. Bush and his traveling companions that nothing in American culture accepts the sort of greed that we have seen in the American executive suite in recent years.

In fact, Americans look on with both dismay and anger as things get worse in the country but corporate pay goes up and up. How can Mr. Stempel get more than \$2 million a year (\$1,000 an hour!) for presiding over the ruination of a once great company? How can Roger Smith, GM's chief executive officer onceremoved, get a pension of \$1.2 million a year when after a decade of his management the company is going

right down the drain? The answer is that these corporate executives are being judged by their buddies and peers, who see nothing wrong in outrageous salaries - and no connection between those salaries and the layoffs that the same company is often announcing. In other words, they are doing

one can stop them - or, to put it more precisely, because no one has stopped them.
The president could, though, and by doing nothing more than point-ing a finger: How dare you take home \$2.2 million when you are lay-

what they please simply because no

ing off 74,000 workers! This president, though, is unlikely to do anything of the sort. He is anemic when it comes to the blood of populism. Instead of using his bully pulpit on this issue, he invites these guys along with him on his grand tour of East Asia. The very essence of the president's Points of Light program is that Americans all owe an obligation to each other. Why when it comes to corporate pay

do those lights get turned out? Not for a second do I believe that the United States would whip Japan in trade if its corporate executives carned what they were really worth. But if these so-called leaders showed that they were really willing to lead. to share the bad times as well as the good and impart the sense that "we are all in this thing together," it might be a start. Meanwhile, maybe Mr. Bush's traveling companions should stay in Japan. They could learn something.

The Washington Post.

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The Three Big Babies Deserve a Spanking

WASHINGTON—George Bush, in Japan with an entourage of frustrated businessmen, will demand that Japan buy more American autos - and pressure the Japanese government to further restrict Japanese auto

sales in the United States. For the Americans, the \$30 billion U.S.-Japanese auto trade deficit is a result of Japanese unfairness rather than superior compentiveness. In June, Robert Mosbacher, the secretary of commerce, asserted that "in virtually all cases" U.S. auto parts "have been shown to be just as good as" Japanese auto parts.

U.S. car experts disagree. When Road and Track magazine announced iis 10 best cars of 1991, nine were Japanese and one was German. A 1991 Consumer Reports survey gave the highest reliability ratings to Japanese autos. Nearty all the cars with a poor reliability rating were made by the Big Three: General Motors, Ford and Chrysler. When the Japanese do not buy more relatively low-quality American cars, the U.S. government responds by making it more difficult for American citizens to buy relatively high-quality Japanese cars.

Representative Richard Gephardt, Democrat of Missouri, introduced legislation last month to penalize Japan for its trade deficit with America. Michigan congressmen are licking their chops over the prospect of new restrictions on Japanese auto imports. The assault on these imports is also

being fueled by the Commerce Department's recent preliminary finding that Toyota and Mazda have been selling their minivans at unfairly low prices — "dumping" them. Senator Donald Riegle. Democrat of Michigan, declared that the minivan case was "an illustration of the systematic pattern of trade cheating by Japan that must be stopped." But the findings prove only the absurdity and the unfairness of the U.S. dumping law.

The Commerce Department found Toyota guilty of selling its minivans for roughly 1 percent less than the department approved, largely because Toyota was not sufficiently bureau-cratic. The U.S. dumping law actually penalizes foreign companies whose administrative costs are less than 10 percent of their production costs.

By James Bovard

Mazda was found guilty of a 7.19 percent dumping margin largely because the government arbitrarily compared the price of 470 vans sold special circumstances in Japan with the price of 30,000 vans sold by Mazda dealers in the United States.

The Japanese were not selling their minivans at a loss or for less than they sold for in Japan. If American companies had done what the Japanese companies had done, they would never have been penalized. The dumping law makes a mockery of U.S. demands for a level playing field.

Japanese auto exports to the United States have been restricted by quotas since 1981, when President Ronald Reagan pressured the Japanese into reducing their exports. A 1987 IMF study estimated that the resulting artificial shortage of cars for sale in the United States cost American consumers \$17 billion between 1981 and 1984, resulting in an average in-

crease of \$1,650 for new-car prices-(domestic and import) in 1984. Be-tween 1980 and 1989, the cost of a new. car rose from 18.7 weeks of the median household's earnings to 24.7 weeks.

Last month the Japanese government reportedly ordered a further reduction in the number of cars exported to the United States. Tokyo has successfully pressured companies to buy more American auto parts, even if those parts are of a lower quality, and is expected to make further conces-

sions during the president's visit. The U.S. auto industry is not a victim of unfair play but rather of its own incompetence. If 10 years of protection did not close the U.S.-Japanese auto quality gap, further protection will simply be extortion of American. consumers. Neither President Bushnor Congress should be able to nullify the freedom of Americans to choose. the best auto they can buy.

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1892: Trading Insults PARIS - The Herald, in an editorial

quotes the North German Gazette as saying: "Several German papers give a new and touching proof of the na-tional German 'letichism' for all that is foreign. They reproduce and discuss as really serious a story about German politics, invented by American papers and reproduced by the sheets of the boulevards. 'La blague française' and Yankee humbugism are certainly not sources of authority for German citizens." When people are in the wrong they shout, and when they have no further argument they become abusive. But never yet has yelling and shouting convinced anyone. This is what the North German Gazette should stuff into its im-

poverished and antique brain. 1917: Rasputin's Death

PETROGRAD — The judicial proceedings in connection with Rasputin's death will shortly be discontin-

ued as the killing was done in selfdefence. The persons bitherto, subjected to domiciliary arrest have been released. Russkaya Volya states: that six persons participated in the supper to which Rasputin was invitedon the fateful night. It affirms that the builet wounds were apparently pro-duced by weapons of different calibre. suggesting that the victim was shot by more than one person. His executioners attached a weight to the body before throwing it from a bridge.

1942: Control of Aliens

WASHINGTON - From our New, York edition:] To insure "tighter control" over enemy aliens, the government soon may require the 1,100,000 in the United States to carry identification cards bearing photographs and to obtain formal permission in advance before changing residence or occupation, Attorney General Francis Biddle disclosed today [Jan. 7]. He, said the regulations would be stricted than during World War I.

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The writer is author of "The Fair. Trade Fraud." He contributed this comment to The New York Times.

OPINION

Dances With Wolves, and Weasels

WASHINGTON — The Washington Redskins are winning; the American Indians are losing.

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While bleeding hearts fret that the word "redskins" may be taken as an ethnic slur, a far more scrious assault on the character and traditions of aboriginal Americans is being ignored.

With the active cooperation of many greedy tribal leaders and their fast-buck white lawyers, tribes from the Ojibwa in Wisconsin to the Barona in California are being victimized and corrupted by promoters of organized gambling.

It began in seeming innocence a de-

cade ago with bingo games on the reservations. Then half the states in the country, under the delusion that good ends could be achieved by bad means, legalized gambling (It is called "gaming" or "off-track betting" or "casmo promotion of tourism"; never use a dirty word like "gambling.")

Because Indian reservations retain a form of sovereignty that limits control by state governments, shrewd gambling operators saw a way to get around local restrictions and steal a march on the local casinos. The Supreme Court held in 1987 that states that permitted gam-

in 1987 that states that permitted gambling could not deny its triumphs, glories and spoils to Indian reservations.

That opened the floodgates to those who wanted to exploit the special status of Indians. Today, gambling dens fronted by Indians add up to a billion-dollar-a-year business that is mushrooming; the wilderness is illuminated by near the wilderness is illuminated by neon tribes reaching out for more suckers are litigating with state officials about whether one-armed bandins are illegal slot machines or merely "technological aids" to bingo players.

The corruption of the original American ethnic group is taking place under the cover of a public relations campaign to show how gambling is good for impoverished Indians. Profits go to the tribes, goes the story, which then build schools and hospitals and lift the unemployed families off welfare.

Baloney; malarkey; compah. The few facilities gambling built are Potemkin villages. Casino gambling will help the average Indian as much as the New York State Lottery has provided great new facilities for the average schoolchild. The great benefit of gambling orofits to the public has always been a sham; it has proven itself to be the most regressive and shameful tax on any state's books. New Jersey and NeBy William Safire

vada, those paragons of state virtue, have led the way.

With the notable exception of ABC News, investigative media have shied away from this national scandal. Many have been intimidated by immediate charges of racism by Indian "leaders" who benefit most from the deals like those being set up across the country by Grand Casinos Inc., a company whose over-the-counter stock is being promoted by non-Indians.

What a perversion of affirmative action; is this the proper answer to the massacre of innocent Indians at Wounded Knee?

The corruption of gambling is ripping many tribes apart. The Mohawk fighting along the U.S.-Canadian border last year was based largely on control of gambling money. The introduction of slot machines all but ensures further mob penetration and moral degradation.

Big-time gambling is an organized vice deserving of DO government pro-motion or identification with a single ethnie group. All loneries are con

games, manipulating people's some-thing-for-nothing lust

Is there no Indian tribal leader courageous enough to come forward to tell Indian children that they come from the stock of Sitting Bull and Crazy Horse and that their role models need not be George Raft and Meyer Lansky?

Are there no genuine friends of a poverty-stricken group willing to put aside tut-tutting about misperceived shirs long enough to call attention to the real crisis facing the Indian nations to-day? Better a proud and upright "redskin" than a corrupted and exploited native American.

The answer is not to deny any group its right to take advantage of a loophole to attract suckers of all races. The answer is to get state governments out of the gambling business. Public promo-tion of betting is wrong; it corrupts people and politicians; it should never be the goal of public policy.

If we do not, we will surely change the name of the football team to bonor the next generation of aboriginal Americans. We will call them the Washington Croupiers.

The New York Times



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Argument's Other Half Reagan for calling the Soviet Union an "evil empire" were either utterly igno-

Regarding "From an Israeli Prison" (Letters, Nov. 28) by Abe Nathan:

Abe Nathan's letter is more important for what be omits than for what he is states. "Speaking directly with the enemy if you wish to prevent war and achieve peace ..." is simply half of the fallacious, pacifist argument for recognizing

the international terrorists of Syria and the Palestine Liberation Organization. Of course, Mr. Nathan is quite aware of the PLO Covenant and its call for the destruction of the sovereign state of Isracl. Yet he persists, with utter naiveté, in "speaking with the enemy."

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What Reagan Knew

After reading David Remnick's "In Magadan, the Five-Year Plans Were Always Fulfilled" (Meanwhile, Dec. 17), I came to the conclusion that people who derided and ridiculed President Ronald

rant or were outright scoundrels. JIM PRICE.

Trieste, Italy. Where's the Equality?

Regarding the report "Unfriendly South Africa Skies" (Dec. 13):

No matter what South African Airways officials say, the SAA has played a role in upholding apartheid as the state airline of an unjust regime. The SAA says it has "been committed to equal opportunity employment since 1983," but it still has few blacks in skilled positions. The airline's "equal opportu-nity" seems simply to mean justifying an unequal status quo.

IWAKAWA YASUHISA. Chiba, Japan.

A Pollard-Vanunu Swap I have seen a spate of letters, in your newspaper and others, appealing for the

on behalf of Israel. Allow me to make a suggestion. Israel

holds Mordechai Vanunu in one of its prisons for disclosing to a British news-paper details of Israel's nuclear capabili-Let Israel release Mr. Vanunu and the United States release Mr. Pollard. Both countries would show magnanimity and, above all, good sense.

MAXIM GHILAN, International Jewish Peace Union.

Rape-Trial Theatrics

Regarding "Prosecutor Bhindered Rape Trial, Experts Say" (Dec. 13): The commentary about the lawyers in the William Kennedy Smith trial was

directed more to their performance than to their legal abilities — rather like praising the appearance of operating-room gowns while ignoring the surgeon's skills. If appearance becomes all, and legal

release of Jonathan Pollard, who is trial becomes legitimate theater, and ju-jailed in the United States for espionage ries not peers but critics, it would behoove lawyers to invest in studio training. Law experts who don't act well enough to plead cases can advise those who know nothing but who look the part. This has worked in the White House

why not in the courts? FRANK LUDWIG GROSSMANN.

Le Chambon sur Lignon, France.

Stand Still, Mr. Safire

Regarding "1991 Was a Great Year, So Let Optimism Ring" (Opinion, Dec. 27) by William Safire:

Whatever got into William Safire (or his word processor) to write "Freedom shined so brightly in 1991 ... "? Anyone else would have written "shone." Surely he will tell us that someone wrote "shined" in the 15th century, but must we be as conservative as that? The question is, does Mr. Safire deserve a shiner? E. J. ACHENBACH.

One Woman's War Story From the Vukovar Front

By C. G. Cupic

ZAGREB — Yugoslavia today is a place of deep cellars and shallow graves. Marica Racimorski, a recently widowed Croat, knows about both. For when a country is torn apart, families do the bleeding.

Mrs. Racimorski's vounger son, Vinko, is married to B Serb. He fled to live with his in-laws in Serbia when bostilines broke out. He was promptly conscripted by the federal army and sent

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to join the siege of his hometown, Vukovar, the Croatian city where his mother was born and the family lived.

Her elder son. Zlatko, fighting on the Croatian side, was seriously wounded while defending Vukovar. He has had three lung operations and is now in the

intensive-care ward of a Zagreb hospital. Her husband, Ivan, was wounded in November while on his way to visit Zlatko, who was then in a Vukovar hospital. The elder man developed gangrene in an arm and died.

Mrs. Racimorski's hair has gone white since all this began. A small woman, she speaks in a harely audible voice.

She survived by moving from cellar to cellar. Vukovar's accumulated rubble, she says, protects people sheltering in cellars, many of which were built for aging wine. Before the war the Racimorskis had a

four-bedroom house, a vegetable gar-den, an acre of land, fruit trees and some pigs and chickens. They took pride in having built the house without borrowing, just the four of them.

The house, except for the cellar. has been destroyed.

That happened on Mr. Racimorski's birthday, Sept. 15. As Mrs. Racimorski tells it, the couple saw a neighbor, Uros Arsenic, a Serb, standing in front of his house with soldiers. A tank was behind them. Tense greetings turned into po-lite conversation. Mr. Racimorski invited everybody in for a birthday drink and some lunch.
When the soldiers left, the shelling

started. "We stayed in the cellar with the Arsenics," Mrs. Racimorski says. "Once the shooting died down we saw that every house on our street had been heavily

damaged. The tank was firing at houses in the next block and destroying them one by one. The Arsenic house was destroyed. Not B brick was left standing. All this was done by the soldiers who had just shared drinks with them.

The elder Racimorskis then moved to Vukovar's center to stay to the cellar of their friend Dordje Stojsic, a Serb, whereupon aerial bombing flattened

the heart of the town.

Zlatko was wounded on Nov. 1. Mrs. Racimorski and her busband went to live in another cellar, in Zlatko's girlfriend's building, near the main hospital. When Mrs. Racimorski went to see her son she ran bent in half, fearful of bullets. "I had to cross the graveyard." she says, her hands shaking. "It stank. The

dead were not buried very deep."

The bodies are mostly those of Croat and Serb civilians. In wars in this part of the world, the corpses never seem to be buried deep enough, and the air is unhealthy for survivors.

In Vukovar's hospital, Zlatko was cared for by Zeljko Arsenic, the neigh-bors' son and his childhood friend. We were really close friends, we

helped each other all the time." Mrs. Racimorski says of the Arsenics. They spent long hours in the cellar, puzzling over the war. "We could not

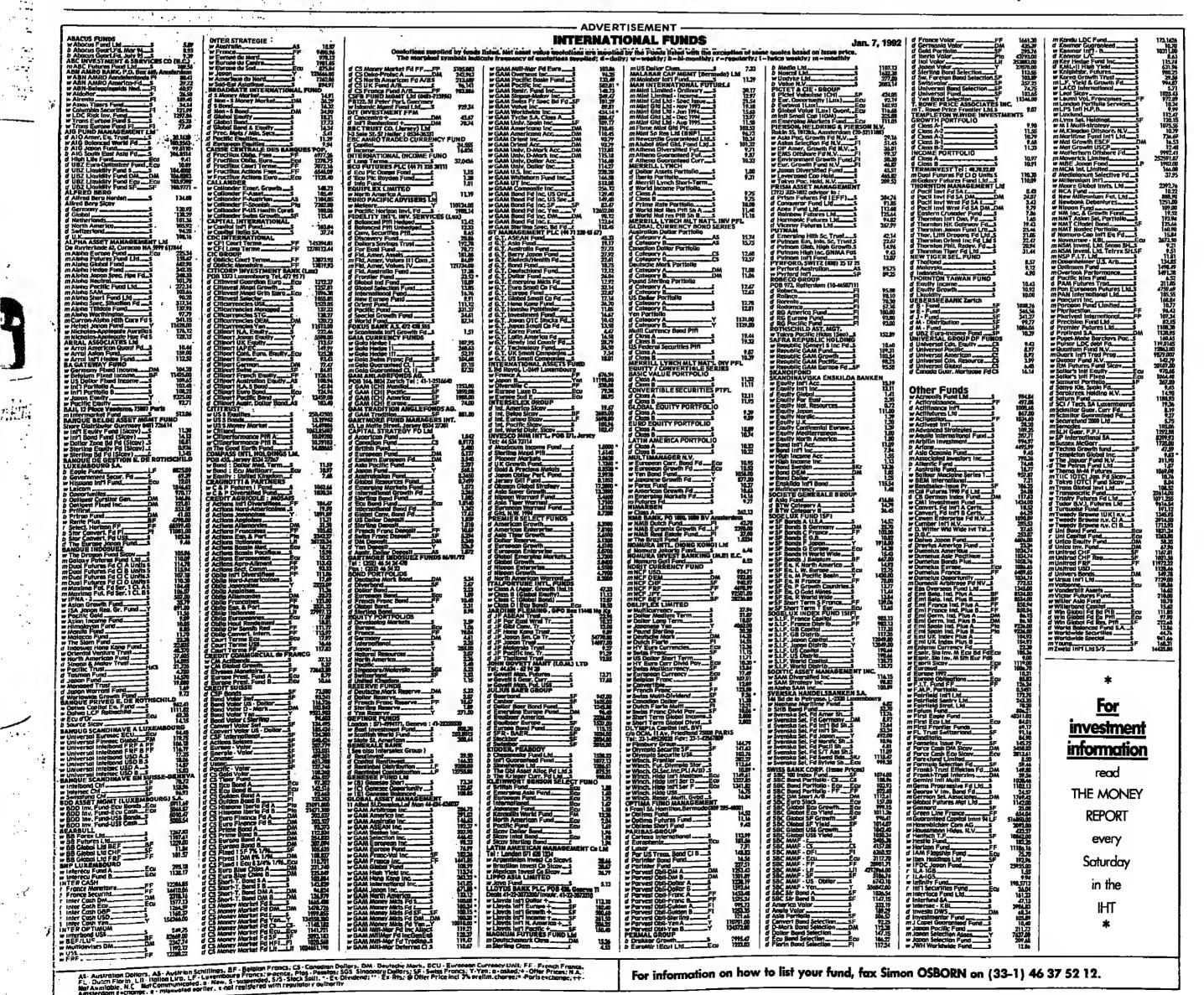
understand it," she says. In the dark Balkan tradition there is little penchant for forgiveness, none for forgetting. People thrive on retribution.

For some, though, friendship and simple humanity do count for more than Croat-Serbian rivalry. Mrs. Racimorski left Vukovar two days after it fell. She was on B bus to Zagreb that stopped at the Serbian military barracks in Sremska Mitrovica. Some of the army regulars there "looked after us quite well," she says. They apologized for the destruction of Vukovar.

In Zagreb, Mrs. Racimorski learned that Vinko and his father-in-law had found her husband in the Vukovar hospital morgue. They buried him, deep, at

what is known as the Bulgarian Ceme-tery. It accepts people of all faiths. Mrs. Racimorski may oot visit his grave. She does not know if she can stand to return to Vukovar.

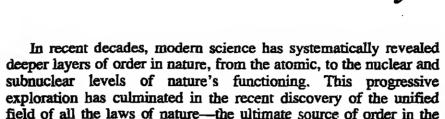
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Similarly, the ancient Vedic wisdom, understood and reformulated in this scientific age by His Holiness Maharishi Mahesh Yogi in his Vedic Science and Technology, identifies a single, universal source of all orderliness in nature, and a practical, scientifically validated procedure to apply this most fundamental and powerful level of Natural Law for the benefit of mankind.

Both understandings, modern and ancient, locate the unified source of nature's perfect order in a single, self-interacting field of intelligence at the foundation of all the laws of nature. This field sequentially creates, from within itself, all the diverse laws of nature governing life at every level of the manifest universe.

The self-interacting dynamics of this unified field constitutes the most basic level of nature's dynamics, and is governed by its over set of fundamental laws. Just as the constitution of a nation represents the most fundamental level of national law and the basis: of all the laws governing the nation, the laws governing the; self-interacting dynamics of the unified field represent the most fundamental level of Natural Law and the basis of all known laws.



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that the true meaning and content of the Ved reside—not on the level of intellectual meanings ascribed to the Ved in the various translations.

The complete knowledge of the Ved contained in the first sukt is also found in the first richa—the first twenty-four syllables of the first sukt (line 1). This complete knowledge is again contained in the first pad, or first eight syllables of the first richa, and is also found in the first syllable of the Ved, 'AK', which contains the total dynamics of consciousness knowing itself.

According to Maharishi's Apaurusheya Bhashya of

The precise sequence of sounds is highly significant; the Ved, 'AK' describes the collapse of fullness of consciousness (A). it is in the sequential progression of sound and silence within itself to its own point value (K). This collapse, which represents the eternal dynamics of consciousness knowing itself, occurs in eight successive stages. In the next stage of unfoldment of the Ved, these eight stages of collapse are separately elaborated in the. eight syllables of the first pad, which emerges from, and provides a further commentary on, the first syllable of Rik Ved, 'AK'. These eight syllables correspond to the eight 'prakritis' (Ahamkar, etc.)-or. eight fundamental qualities of intelligence which constitute the divided nature of pure consciousness.

The first line, or 'richa', of the first sukt, comprising 24 syllables, provides a further commentary on the first pad: the eight-syllable structure of the first pad now appears three times. The first pad-

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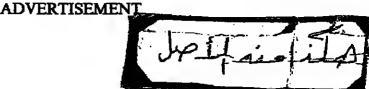
As with the structure of Ved, the Lagrangian of the superstring can be seen in various stages of unfoldment. The most compact presentation of the string dynamics is provided by the ten-dimensional formulation of the heterotic string ($\mathcal{L}^{(10)}$). In addition to purely bosonic modes associated with the abstract space-time arena in which the string moves. the mathematics reveals precisely eight fundamental fermionic degrees of freedom intrinsic to the string itself-the unique solution allowed by mathematical and quantum-mechanical consistency of the theory. These eight fundamental modes of the string correspond, in Vedic terminology. to the eight prakritis—the fundamental qualities of the unified field of consciousness. As in the structure of the Ved, these eight fundamental modes admit three interpretations corresponding to rishi, devata, and chhandas, consistent with the quantum-mechanical structure of the theory: (1) Each of the fields $\psi^{i=1...8}$ above defines a particular perspective in abstract Hilbert space (rishi), i.e., their eigen vectors form a basis in Hilbert space which can be used to expand and interpret any other state. (2) Each of the fields $\psi^{i=1...8}$ is an operator (devata), which creates and destroys specific states in Hilbert space. (3) Each of the

symbols wi=1...8 also denotes a particular vibrational mode or state (chhandas) in Hilbert space, created or destroyed by its corresponding. operator. With these three interpretations afforded by the quantum principle, one obtains the identical 3x8=24-fold structure corresponding. to the first richa of the Rik Ved.

The next stage in the sequential elaboration of the self-interacting dynamics of the unified field is found in the free-fermionic formulation of the string in four dimensions $(L^{(4)})$. In this more expressed formalism, all bosonic degrees of freedom associated with the original, abstract space-time arena are fermionized, except for two right-moying and two left-moving coordinates needed to account for the four-dimensional structure of classical space-time geometry. This yields precisely 64 fermionic degrees of freedom intrinsic to the string itself. [i.e., the 20 left movers $(\overline{\psi}^{1,2}, \chi^{i}, y^{i}, \omega^{i}; i=1...6)$ and 44 right movers $(\overline{y}^{i}, \overline{\omega}^{i}, \psi^{j}, \overline{\psi}^{j}, \eta^{k}, \overline{\eta}^{k}, \phi^{m}, \overline{\phi}^{m}; i=1...6, j=1...5, k=1...3, m=1...8)$ shown above]. When these 64 string fields are interpreted with respect to Hilbert space, operators, and states, this gives 3x64=192 fundamental. expressions of Natural Law at this level of description of the

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of nature. The laws governing the self-interacting dynamics of the unified field can therefore be called the Constitution of the Universe—the eternal, non-changing basis of Natural Law and the ultimate source of the order and harmony displayed throughout

In the unified quantum field theories of modern physics, the pascise mathematical form of these fundamental laws is found in the Lagrangian of the superstring and the N=1 supergravity theories. In Maharishi's Vedic Science, these same fundamental laws—the Constitution of the Universe—are found in the eternal, self-referral dynamics of consciousness knowing itself. This eternal dynamics is embodied in the very structure of the sounds of the Rik

Ved, the most fundamental aspect of the Vedic literature.

This chart reveals that the two descriptions of the self-interacting dynamics of the unified field—the Constitution of the Universe-provided by both modern science and Maharishi's Vedic Science are identical, and that these two great traditions of knowledge, objective and subjective-modern and ancient-uphold one another and together rejoice in providing for mankind the basic and timely knowledge of Natural Law which alone is competent to eliminate all problems and to raise the quality of life in society to the level of Heaven on Earth.

First, the chart displays, from the standpoint of Maharishi's Vedic Science, the self-interacting dynamics of the unified

field—the Constitution of the Universe—in the structure of the Rik Ved Samhita, as brought to light by Maharishi's Apaurusheya Bhashya of the Ved.

According to Maharishi's Apaurusheya Bhashya, the structure of the Ved provides its own commentary—a commentary which is contained in the sequential unfoldment of the Ved itself in its various stages of expression. The knowledge of the total Ved—the complete dynamics of the unified field of consciousness and the mechanics of symmetry breaking through which the unified field sequentially creates the manifest universe—is contained in the first sukt of the Rik Ved, which is presented below:

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expresses the eight prakritis (fundamental qualities of intelligence) with respect to the knower or 'rishi' quality of pure consciousness. The second pad expresses the eight prakritis with respect to the process of knowing or 'devata' quality of pure consciousness. The third pad expresses the eight prakritis with respect to the known or ': 'chhandas' quality of pure consciousness. Together, these three pads comprise the first richa of the Ved, which represents another complete stage in the sequential unfoldment of knowledge-i.e., one complete version of the Constitution of the Universe.

The subsequent eight lines complete the remainder of the first sukt—the next stage of sequential unfoldment of knowledge in the Ved. These eight lines consist of 24 pads, comprising 8 x 24=192 syllables. According to Maharishi's Apaurusheya Bhashya, these 24

pads of eight syllables elaborate the unmanifest, eight-fold structure of the 24 gaps between the syllables of the first richa. Each line consists of three pads which, as in the first richa, respectively present the structure of self-interaction with respect to the rishi, devata, and chhandas qualities of pure consciousness. Ultimately, in subsequent stages of unfoldment, these 192 syllables of the first sukt get elaborated in the 192 sukts that comprise the first mandal of the Rik Ved, which in turn gives rise to the rest of the Ved and the entire Vedic literature.

This perfectly orderly, eternal structure of knowledge—the Ved-has been preserved over thousands of years in the Vedic tradition of India. The complete knowledge of the Ved and its profound significance for life has been revived and understood in a

scientific framework by Maharishi Mahesh Yogi in his Vedic Science and Technology.

It is a highly significant feature of our scientific age that this complete knowledge of Natural Law provided by Maharishi's Vedic Science is now open to scientific confirmation through the unified quantum field theories of modern physics. Indeed, we see below that precisely this same mathematical structure of sequential unfoldment of the self-interacting dynamics of Natural Law is now available in the mathematical structure of the unified field found in the Lagrangian of the superstring, which represents the most complete mathematical expression of the detailed structure and dynamics of the unified field:

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Constitution of the Universe-in precise correspondence with the first

sukt of the Rik Ved.* This precise mathematical correspondence between the descriptions of the detailed structure of Natural Law provided by modern science and b' Maharishi's Vedic Science—both on the verbal level of nature's langrage and on the mathematical level of symbols—gives great confidence that the knowledge of the most fundamental level of Natural Law, the Constitution of the Universe, is now fully available to mankind.

Fortunately, Maharishi's Vedic Science and Technology provides not only detailed intellectual understanding of the Constitution of the Universe (above), but a highly practical, scientifically validated technology to apply this most fundamental and powerful level of Natural Law for the benefit of mankind. Over 500 scientific studies conducted at more than 200 universities and research institutes in 25 countries throughout the world have verified the immense practical benefits of this

simple technology-Maharishi's Transcendental Meditation and TM-Sidhi programme—to access the Constitution of the Universe and thereby develop full human potential in all areas of mind, body, and behaviour. When the Constitution of the Universe, the total potential of Natural Law on the self-referral level of individual intelligence, is fully enlivened by the attention of the conscious mind through Maharishi's Transcendental Meditation and TM-Sidhi programme—the applied technologies of Maharishi's Vedic Science—individual thought and action become spontaneously in accord with Natural Law. Once life is lived in accord with all the laws of nature governing physiological, psychological, and sociological processes, problems of ill health and inappropriate behaviour do not arise. The individual receives the support of all the laws of nature for the fulfilment of all his desires and aspira-

The single, most profound application of Maharishi's Vedic Science and Technology is through collective practice of the TM-Sidhi programme. Group practice of the TM-Sidhi programme by as few as 7,000 citizens has been scientifically shown to create coherence in collective consciousness, eliminate collective stress, and to raise life to be spontaneously in accord with Natural Law.

Extensive scientific research has shown that group practice of Maharishi's Transcendental Meditation and TM-Sidhi programme increases positive trends throughout society and decreases negative trends such as ill-health, crime and other anti-social behaviour.

With this scientifically proven programme the entire population of a nation now has the chance to enjoy the full support of all the laws of nature for the fulfilment of all its goals and aspirations.

By incorporating into the national constitution a clause which guarantees the establishment and maintenance of such a coherence-creating group, national law will gain the support of Natural Law, and the manmade constitution of the nation will enjoy full alliance with the eternal Constitution of the Universe.

To learn more about the Constitution of the Universe in both its theoretical and applied values please contact Maharishi International University in Fairfield, Iowa, USA or Maharishi Vedic University in Vlodrop, Holland, in Moscow, or in Maharishi Nagar, UP, India.

* Vis same mathematical sequence of unfoldment has also been found at the N=1 supergravity and unified electroweak levels of nature's dynamics.

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MEDIA MARKETS

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Showing on Canal Plus: A Pay-TV Success Story

By Dilip Subramanian Special to the Herald Tribune

ARIS - When scouts from Time Warner Inc. came partner-hunting last year across Europe for a communications venture, one of their visits was to the Paris headquarters of Canal Plus, the pay-television channel inspired by Home Box Office in the United States. Flattered by the attention, the French concern nevertheless politely turned down the U.S. giant's overture.

Chief Executive Pierre Lescure said: "The investments that Time Warner was expecting its future partners to bring to the table totally exceeded our financial capacities. It would have meant sinking all our equity capital, our profits and then going to the banks to make up the bal-

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ance. Our pockets are not half as deep as Toshiba or Itoh." He was referring to the two Japanese companies that paid \$500 million each for a slice of

Canal Plus is ranked among the top Time Warner Entertainment Co. in October. He added: "The ongoing three TV companies movie production and distriin Europe.

bution agreement we have with Warner is far more profitable for both sides. It's also within our financial reach and directly in our line of business."

A major international film production force in the making, via its affiliate Studio Canal Plus, the French company recently sealed an ambitious coproduction package deal with Warner Brothers. Covering 20 films, the deal kicked off with "JFK," the Oliver Stone movie about the assassination of President John F.

The fact that a U.S. company, let alone Time Warner, the world's premier multimedia conglomerate, came knocking on Canal Plus's door is a tribute to the power that the pay-television operation is beginning to wield on the European broadcasting chessboard. But if France's greatest media success story ever got written beyond the first chapter, it was because of the tenacity of Canal Plus's founder, André Rousselet, and the close personal links he enjoyed with President François Mitterrand.

HE FIRST French private television channel had been written off as a disaster when it was just six months old.

Losses were threatening to flow over 1 billion francs (\$192 million) as one problem after another bedeviled the venture. Finally, in a legendary meeting at the presidential palace, Mr. Rousselet is known to have placed his long friendship with Mr. Mitterrand on the line to win a reprieve for his company.

Today, Canal Plus is celebrating its seventh birthday ranked among the top three television companies in Europe. The chan-nel's new 1-billion-franc office building in central Paris is a rejoinder to all the station's detractors who had urged it be shut

down during those dark early days.

The company's net profit of I billion francs on sales of 6.7 billion francs in 1991 outstripped those of its competitors. And in this era of media empires sagging under lunge debt, Canal Plus is almost an endangered species: a cash cow. Thanks to its 3.3 million subscribers who pay 160 francs a month for a variety diet of cinema and sport, the channel's reserves total more than 2 billion francs. A further 3 billion francs to 4 billion francs can be easily raised if needed.

On the Paris Bourse, Canal Plus ranks as a star performer; the value of its stock has soared fourfold over four years.

Bernard Dufour, analyst at the Meeschaert Rousselle & Co. brokerage, said, "Because the company's revenues are not linked to cyclical factors like ad spending, investor confidence is extremely strong."

Canal Plus's market capitalization of 19 billion francs exceeds that of one of its key shareholders, Havas SA, the French multimedia group that owns almost 25 percent of the channel. Reports of a merger have recently surfaced, but top management

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Can Devaluation Cure Europe's Slump?

By Erik Ipsen ternational Herald Tribune

LONDON - Nearly five years after the last realignment of Western European currencies, economists and industrialists alike are wondering if the time has come to do it again.
"It is economic self-flagellation," said Paul

Tumbull, chief economist at Smith New Court PLC, referring to France, Italy and Britain defending their currencies against a buoyant Deutsche mark by maintaining brutally high interest rates. The net result, many economists say, is more of what those countries already have in painful excess - unemployment.

An upward revaluation of the Deutsche mark, said Brendon Brown, chief internation-al strategist with Mitsubishi Finance International in London, "would make very good economic sense, enabling the high-unemploy-ment countries to bring down interest rates and boost their economies."

The Bundesbank's concerns over Germany's relatively high inflation and mounting government deficit have forced it to try to cool the economy down by pursuing highly restrictive monetary policies. The exchange-rate mechanism, in turn, has ensured that policies crafted in Germany are followed throughout the European Community.

"Germany's fiscal imbalance is not just crowding out investment in Germany but in

all of Europe," said David Smith of the Wil-liams de Broe brokerage.
While many lament that monetary policies

suitable for Germany are followed in countries where the problem is the pancity of economic heat, and jobs, the remedy of an upward revaluation of the Deutsche mark

remains hugely controversial.
"It is fool's gold," said Neil Williams, head
of economic policy for the Confederation of

Raising the Deutsche mark 'would enable highunemployment countries to boost their economies.'

British Industry. "It would lead to higher interest rates, not lower." In fact, many politicians and business leaders agree that financial markets would be unlikely to take a German revaluation at face value. Instead, it would be instantly interpreted as yet another devaluation of historically weaker currencies such as those of Italy, Britain and France - one reason why French officials, in particular, have been eager to

distance themselves from it.

The problem with devaluations, said Mark

Brett, director of currency strategies at the investment bank Barclays de Zoete Wedd, is that it is like a reformed alcoholic. "Once they take the first drink, everybody knows that the second one is oot far behind." It is that fear of more devaluations to come that many fret would require weaker currency countries to raise interest rates and thus destroy much of

the benefits of a cheaper currency.

Besides, even a relative model of economic rectitude like France has discovered that even though it has reined in inflation via a long and burtful process, the markets seem on willing to begrudge it its presumed reward - a more stimulative monetary policy marked by lower interest rates.

Twice in 1991, French interest rates slid to the point where they nudged those of Germa-ny and twice they had to be raised, even ough France has reduced its inflation rate significantly below Germany's. "If the mar-ket will not allow French interest rates to be lower than Germany's there is no way it would allow Britain's or Italy's to be lower, said one London-based economist.

Some experts argue that size is the critical swing factor. A truly big German revaluation, on the order perhaps of 15 or 20 percent, could greatly reduce the pressure on the weaker currency countries to defend their

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Wall Street to World Markets: Not So Fast

By Floyd Norris New York Times Service

NEW YORK - The New York Stock Exchange kicked off the celebration of its bicen-tennial year this week with brave words from its chairman, William H. Donaldson, about be-coming "the centerpiece of a global securities

But even as Mr. Donaldson was re-emphasizing the Big Board's efforts to trade more foreign stocks, by allowing so-called world-class stocks to be traded without complying with U.S. dis-closure requirements, substantial opposition to

the move was apparent. "I know what goes on with financial statements," said James J. Needham, an accountant, former chairman of the Big Board and former member of the Securities and Exchange Com-mission, after listening to Mr. Donaldson's

peech to industry executive Mr. Needham said that international accounting standards were not far enough devel-

oped to justify such a move. The SEC chairman, Richard C. Breeden, also has said he opposed the move, although he has led the commission to pass rules allowing U.S. institutions to trade securities that do not meet U.S. disclosure standards.

The Big Board traces its heritage back to May 17, 1792, when a group of 24 brokers, meeting under a buttonwood tree on Wall Street, signed an agreement to fix commission rates and to discriminate against brokers who

In the past, some Big Board officials have been mildly embarrassed by the heritage of fixing prices, but Mr. Donaldson embraced it on Monday, saying, "That agreement established a form of organized trading, with the underpinnings of self-regulation." did not sign the agreemen

Globalization is expected to be the central trend over the next decade in securities markets, with exchanges striving to compete in two ways. In the first — staying open at odd hours locally, to be available for trading during overseas busi-

The best-performing U.S. stock funds stayed put to get ahead in 1991. Page 14.

ness hours—the Big Board seems largely to have backed off. The NYSE has mounted its big campaign in the other way, trading foreign stocks locally, urging the SEC to relax the rules that make such trading more difficult.

Opponents of such trading say that often-weaker foreign accounting and disclosure stan-dards make it more difficult to provide adequate protection. There will always be scandals," said Mr.

Donaldson, when asked about such cases as Robert Maxwell's Mirror Group Newspapers, which went public last year in Britain but was not listed on the New York Stock Exchange and has since filed for the British equivalent of bankruptcy protection.

"We've had our share of Equity Fundings and National Student Marketings in this country," he added, referring to scandals of two decades ago.

In 1989, the year before Mr. Donaldson took over as chairman of the Big Board, the exchange said it planned limited night trading, in an effort to capture European and Japanese trading in U.S. stocks. But those plans fell by the wayside, and Mr. Donaldson said that while studies were being made, there were no plans to announce.

The presumed market for such trading is Europe, where the trading would be during business bours. The over-the-counter market will begin a 3 A.M. to 9 A.M. session, probably dominated by Big Board stocks, later this month. That session will have no trade-by-trade disclosure, a secrecy condition that could attract trades that otherwise would be conducted

The Big Board effort at longer hours last year was an effort to move the opening bell to 9 A.M., Eastern time, from the current 9:30. That effort failed after West Coast brokers bitterly complained about having to get up earlier.

Many stocks are now listed in markets around the world, and Mr. Donaldson said 108 foreign stocks were listed on the New York Stock Exchange. But with only a handful of exceptions, few stocks have developed much volume away from their primary market.

Air France Bids To Take a Stake In Czech Airline

PARIS - Air France, seeking to ngthen its European network, said Tuesday that it had teamed up with a group of institutional investors to buy 40 percent of the Czechoslovak carrier, Ceskoslo-

The airline said a memorandum of agreement, signed on Monday in

Prague got full marks from the OECD for rapid moves toward a

Prague, valued the whole of CSA at \$150 million.

The Czechoslovak state and local investors intend to hold the remaining 60 percent, Air France said.

market economy.

The agreement comes as West-ern carriers are seeking access to the opening markets of Eastern Europe, while airlines in the former Soviet bloc are seeking fresh investment and Western aircraft. British Airways PLC last year announced plans for a joint venture with Aeroot, the carrier of the former Soviet

Union.
"This alliance represents an ex-cellent platform for CSA's future development as an airline based in the heart of Europe and for Prague as a major bub," Director General Oldrich Churain said.

Air France's chairman, Bernard Attali, said the linkup was a "significant element" in the group's strategy, "which aims to develop a global network in Europe and worldwide, based on a few signifi-

A source close to the companies said Air France, the French bank Caisse des Depots et Consignations and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development would each invest about \$20 million and split the CSA stake equally.

The source, who declined to be

named, said Air France would invest less than \$7 million in cash, paying for the rest of its stake mainly in services provided to

its partners were. The president of the European bank, Jacques Attali, Bernard Attali's brother. The deal requires the approval of

Czechoslovak and French authori-

Air France declined to say who

nes. The two sides hope to finalize the agreement by spring.
The daily Le Monde reported

that Air France beat British Airways PLC, Austrian Airlines, All Nippon Airways Co. and Singa-pore Airlines Ltd. for the stake.

Airline analysts said Eastern Europe's air travel markets were expected to grow as Western businessmen and tourists traveled there, but it was unclear how long it would be before East Europeans themselves acquired the disposable income to fly more.

"Over the long term I think Eastern European airlines have some very exciting opportunities but the big question is how much the domestic weakness will be offset by the explosion of demand for travel from Western Europe," said Paul Karos of First Boston Corp.

Air France, the world's thirdlargest airline, has been seeking to strengthen itself to meet intensified competition expected to follow the creation of the single European market in 1993, and increased challenges from American and Asian

Air France was negotiating to make a major investment in the Belgian carrier Sabena last fall, but talks on the linkup were suspended shortly before elections in Belgium in November. The French airline also announced plans to shed 3,000 jobs and obtained a 2 billion franc (\$384 million) injection of state aid

In Prague, a senior CSA official said the airline hoped to replace most of its Soviet-made Tupolev 134s and 154s with Western jets capable of carrying 120 to 150 pas-sengers on European routes in the second half of this year.

CSA already operates two Air-bus A-310s but the choice of further aircraft "between Airbus Industrie, Boeing and McDonnell-Douglas is yet to be made," the official said. "We plan to begin expanding our overseas fleet next

He also said CSA planned to acquire four more 50-seater turboprops, to be deployed in May. The French-Italian maker ATR is "among the candidates," he said. (Reuters, Bloomberg)

U.S. Proposes Overhaul Of Corporate Taxation

By Steven Mufson

New York Times Service
WASHINGTON — The U.S.
Treasury has unveiled a proposal for far-reaching changes in the taxation of corporate profits and debt.

The most highly praised of four options described in the Treasury

study would abolish taxes individnals pay on stock and bond dividends and climinate deductions corporations can take for interest

payments on debt.
The so-called Comprehensive
Business Income Tax would also lower the corporate profit-tax rate to 31 percent, the same as the top marginal income-tax rate for individuals. It would not result in a loss of tax revenue, unlike many other corporate tax-reform plans.

Kenneth W. Gideon, the assistant Treasury secretary for tax poli-cy, said that the Treasury was only seeking to "kick off a serious deseeking to "kick off a scrious de-bate on the issue" and that it would not propose any legislation at this point. Moreover, any such sweep-ing proposal would he phased in over a period of 10 years, he said. But Mr. Gideon clearly indicated

preference for the Comprehensive Business Income Tax, saying it offered the "most fundamental change" and would provide a "total level playing field between debt

The proposal, according to tax experts, would strike a blow at heavily leveraged companies and impose a powerful disincentive for companies to raise billions by borrowing, as they did in unprecedent-ed amounts during the 1980s. It also would abolish the com-

petitive edge states and municipal-ities have in raising money through tax-exempt bonds. Pension funds and nonprofit institutions such as universities would also lose any advantage of tax-exempt stams and would probably get lower returns on investments as bond yields fell.

crisis talks with its key banker.

Ratners Chief Embattled

As Stock Hits a New Low

United Press International

LONDON — Pressure mounted Tuesday on the chairman of Ramers PLC, Gerald Ratner, after the British jewelry chain's share price dropped to an all-time closing low on the London Stock Exchange.

The company has been under intense pressure amid speculation that its crucial holiday sales were poor and reports that it had begin

Ratners shares fell to 21 peace (39 U.S. cents) Tuesday, down half a penny from their all-time closing low of 21.5 peace on Monday.

British newspapers reported Tuesday that it was widely believed Mr. Ratner would step down as chairman this week, although it was not clear if he would retain his post as chief executive. On Friday, the

company is to issue a statement on its trading performance.

payments, methods used by other industrial nations.

The Treasury said the aim of the proposals would be to eliminate three "distortions" encouraged by the current tax system: the incentive to finance corporate investments with debt instead of new equity; the incentive to invest in noncorporate partnerships instead of corporations; and the incentive for companies to retain earnings instead of paying profits to share-holders as dividends.

The measures would eliminate a form of double taxation of corporate profits. Under current law. corporations pay tax on profits before paying dividends and then shareholders pay taxes again on

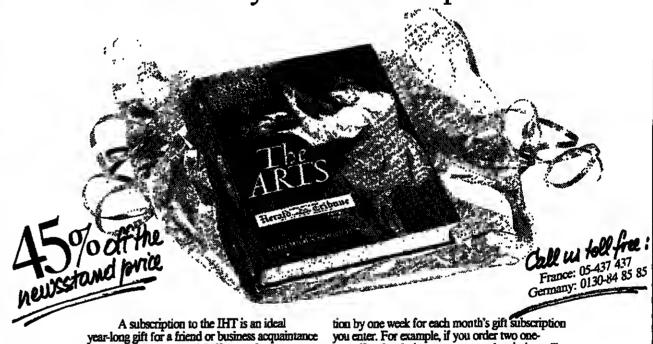
Any proposal to integrate the individual and corporate tax systems would face an uphill battle on Capitol Hill, a prospect the Treasury does not relish after its bruising and largely unsuccessful battle for banking reform last year.

Mr. Gideon, who is to return to the private sector next month, would not say when the Treasury would propose legislation, saying only that "I believe this is an issue we'll have to deal with in the

James Wetzler, commissioner of taxation and finance for the state of New York, called the Treasury's option an "innovative concept with exceedingly far-reaching implications for capital markets, state taxes and the distribution of the tax

But Mr. Wetzler said it "raises questions about the funding of the nation's retirement systems." He also said he feared that states and municipalities might have to pay higher interest rates to raise money through bonds.

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Blue Chips Edge Up To a Record High

NEW YORK — Blue chips posted a slight gain on the New York market consolidated its recent big fought off profit-taking and was buoyed by buying interest m issues that had lagged the recent rally. The Dow Jones industrial average rose 4.70 points to 3,204.83.

MARKET DIARY

N.Y. Stocks

about 3 points higher than the pre-vious record, set last Friday. The Dow transportation index surged 17.56 points to 1,383.03.

In the broader market, advances outpaced losers by just under a 9-to-8 margin in heavy volume of 252.92 million shares, up from 242 million shares on Monday.

Secondary markets also climbed to record highs, with the American Stock Exchange index rising 2.44 to 401.71 and the Nasdaq Composite index up 4.39 to 602.29. But the Standard & Poor's 500 index dipped 0.56 to 417.40.

down early by profit-taking, as the Stock Exchange on Tuesday to gains, and by softness in overseas markets. "Investors are trying to find

groups and issues which are more sensitive to changes in the economy and others which are fairly valued or undervalued," said Hugh John-son of First Albany Corp. "Today they found them in airlines, chemicals and technologies."

Among strong transportation stocks, UAL Corp. rose 2 5/8 to 151 5/8, AMR Corp. gained 2 1/8 to 75, and Consolidated Rail added

Chemical stocks that posted gains included Dow Chemical, up 2 3/4 to 54 5/8, Union Carbide,

which climbed 1 1/2 to 23, and Du
Pont, up 5/8 to 46 1/8.

Mark Stahlman, analyst at Alex.
Brown & Sons raised his quarterly
earnings estimate on Compaq Computer, which closed up 3 1/8

Dollar Outmuscles Yen As Tokyo Talks Begin

NEW YORK - The dollar finished higher against the yen Tuesday, profiting when a deal to boost the Japanese currency did not

Foreign Exchange

emerge from the opening U.S.-Ja-pan talks. But the U.S. unit fell against the other major currencies. Traders said the market was focused on B two-hour meeting in Tokyo between Treasury Secretary Nicholas F. Brady and Finance Minister Tsutomu HBta. A senior Ministry of Finance official declined to comment on whether the meeting had included discussions Boott the currency market.

Late in the day, the dollar

dropped slightly after a Federal Reserve Board governor, Lawrence B. Lindsey, said that the dollar's recent decline was not worrisome. Market participants said dealers

who had bought yen during recent days in expectation of an accord to

boost the Japanese unit unloaded

those positions on Tuesday.

The U.S. unit ended at 123.90 yen, after closing at 123.45 on Monday. But it dropped to 1.5065 Deutsche marks, after 1.5160.

The currency also dipped to 1.3390 Swiss francs, after 1.3435 on Monday, and to 5.1435 French francs, after 5.1745. The British pound cose to \$1.8868 from

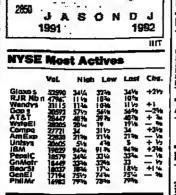
Earlier, in London, the dollar gained slightly against the yen as the market concentrated on the U.S.-Japan summit meeting.

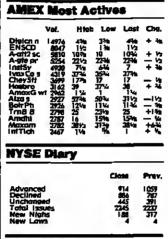
The U.S. currency, pushed as low as 122.75 yen, recovered to stand at 124.35, after closing Monday at 124,05.

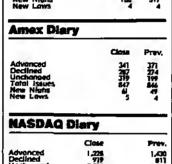
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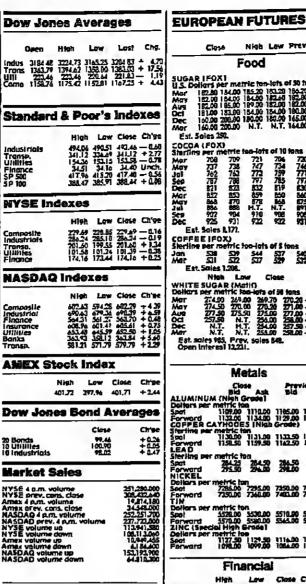
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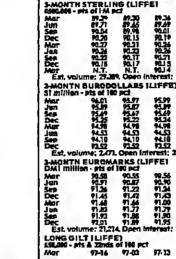


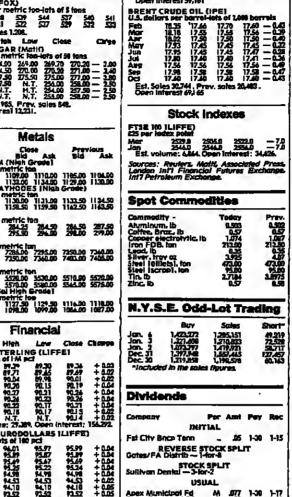












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GM, Chrysler and N.Y. **Have Credit Ratings Cut** NEW YORK (Combined Dispatches) - Moody's Investors Ser-

vice Inc. said Tuesday it cut the rating on \$75 billion of General Motors Corp. debt, saying it believed the long-term competitive position of the world's biggest automaker might continue to weaken.

And in a further sign of the U.S. auto industry's woes, Standard & Poor's Corp. cut its ratings on \$20 billion of Chrysler Corp. debt.

The downgrades came a day after GM, Chrysler and Ford Motor Corp. reported that U.S. car sales fell 11.5 percent last year, and while their chairman are in Japan pressing for more sales there. The Big There are expected to post operating losses of more than \$6 billion for 1991.

Moody's cut GM's senior-debt rating by one notch, to A2 from A1, which could increase the company's borrowing costs. Its action followed similar downgrades by two smaller agencies on Dec. 26. Standard & Poor's pushed Chrysler's senior-debt rating further into junk territory, lowering it one notch to single-B-plus from double-B-minus. It said the company's financial flexibility should be adequate at least for 1002, but negative cash flow this year would

adequate at least for 1992, but negative cash flow this year would leave it ill-prepared for challenges thereafter.

Separately, in a censure of New York state's fiscal condition, Moody's downgraded its rating on most of the state's bonds by a notch from A to Baa1.

Computers to Cut 7,000 Jobs at Sears

CHICAGO (AP) — Sears, Roebuck & Co., continuing its drive for lower costs and improved profits, said Tuesday it would eliminate 7,000 jobs by installing antomated cash registers and customer service kiosks in its stores. The company has 313,000 full- and part-time employees.

Sears said the new system from CompanAdd Computer Corp. of Texas

Sears said the new system, from CompuAdd Computer Corp. of Texas and costing \$60 million, would save about \$50 million a year.

The system, which includes 28,000 terminals and 6,000 customer service klosks, will be installed by March in Sears's 868 retail stores in the United States and Puerto Rico. The terminals, to be linked to Sears's nationwide data base will make more customer information available to nationwide data base, will make more customer information available to ales floors, the company said.

ISI Logic Drops Out of Sematech

SAN FRANCISCO (NYT) — LSI Logic Corp. has become the first founding member to drop ont of the U.S. semiconductor consortium Sematech, cating disagreements with the industry group's agenda as well as the company's own financial imperatives.

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LSI Logic, whose speciality is customized microelectronic circuits, has struggled with tight profit margins. It is expected to report revenue of about \$700 million for 1991 but a profit of only about \$7 million, an amount roughly equal to the dues it would owe Sematech.

For the Record

Intel Corp. surpassed Motorola Inc. in 1991 to become the largest U.S. semiconductor maker, according to a survey by Dataquest Inc. (AP)
MCorp, dismayed by a judge's rejection of its Chapter 11 reorganization plan, is considering converting its filing to a Chapter 7 liquidation or
submitting another Chapter 11 plan, MCorp's attorney said. (Bloomberg)
Orion Network Systems Inc. of the United States said its International Private Satellite Partners communications system, which will provide trans-Atlantic and regional husiness networks, would start with the launching of two satellites in 1994 and 1995. Orion said its partners were Nissho Iwai Corp., British Aerospace PLC, General Dynamics Corp., Matra, Stet SpA, Com Dev of Canada, and Kingston Communications

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PAY: There's No Recession on Wall Street as Pay Rises to Record Levels

(Continued from page 1) checks would worsen Wall Street's image and trigger a hacklash against the industry.

"The slump on Wall Street didn't last long enough to really kill bonuses," said the president of a large securities company. "The turnaround happened much too quickly. A lot of the progress we made may have been derailed." The Securities Industry Associa-

Wall Street for 1991, for everybody from the chief executive officer down to the lowliest clerk, is up by about 15 percent from a year ago and will set a new record in pay per employee. For higher-ranking em-ployees — those receiving \$500,000 and up - the average increase in

bonuses from 1990 is reported to be

25 percent to 35 percent.

year, relative to any year since of the company as a whole.

1986," said Jeffrey M. Schaefer,

In addition these are

Industry Association. "That will generally get reflected in bonuses

In fairness, observers say, Wall Street firms are giving executives a higger chunk of each year's bonus in the form of company stock, rather than all in cash. That tends to make the executives focus more on their firm's stock price, and, indi-"Firm profits are up sharply this rectly, on the long-term well-being

the sort of wild bidding hattles for talent that drove up Wall Street pay in the mid-1980s.

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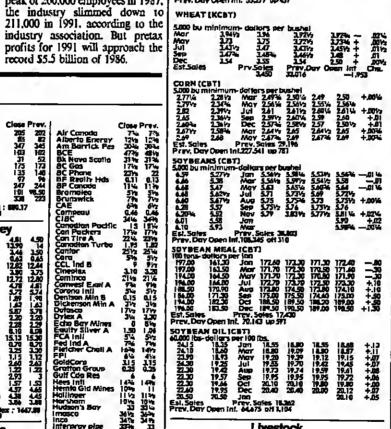
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One key reason for the record pay levels in 1991 is that many firms have substantially reduced their costs, especially by reducing payrolls during the recent years of meager earnings. After hitting a peak of 260,000 employees in 1987, the industry slimmed down to 211,000 in 1991. according to the

mates that total compensation on director of research at the Security yet that the industry is engaged in record \$5.5 billion of 1986.

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OECD Applauds Czechoslovakia For Fast Move to Market Economy

By Carl Gewirtz

mai Rerald Tribune PARIS — Czechoslovakia's twoyear effort to transform itself to a market economy drew a rave review Tuesday from the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development

Although much remains to be done, "a great deal has been ac-complished in a short time," the OECD said. It was its first analysis of Czechoslovakia, which is not a of Czecnosiovana, which is not a member of the group known as the "rich-man's club" of the world's wealthiest industrialized nations.

Restraining inflation after liberalizing prices last January was "a notable achievement," the report said. At the same time, however, production has dropped and unemployment has increased sharply.

In a reference to critics who charge that the pace of change is too fast and causing too much pain, the report said that the economic

strategy, which also includes quick moves to privatize small businesses, "is clearly appropriate." The self-off of the majority of the country's state industries, which is due to begin in coming months, could hold the key to the whole

program of transforming the econ-omy, the report added. At a press conference presenting the report, Salvatore Zecchini, assistant secretary general who heads the OECD's Center for Cooperation with European Economies in Transition, said that "without a

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at Havas and Canal Plus shot down

such a possibility, saying it would

Also driving the financial com-

munity's fervor is the virtual ab-

sence of competition to Canal Plus

on the French television market.

Satellite television has yet to get off the ground and the growth of cable

Surprisingly, however, it is Mr. Lescure who is the first to say he would like to see this situation end.

television has been shagish.

critical mass of measures taken at Overall, "macroeconomic stability the same time the restructuring could be compromised." would not result in less pain but

market economy

report also warned that a break-up

of the Czech and Slovak Federa-

tion, which some groups have called for, "would be costly, for

"The Slovak republic would be

left with a disintegrating economy,

rapidly increasing unemployment and a loss of its internal markets; it

would most likely see its access to

A split "would also be costly for

the Czech republic. At least in the

short run, foreign finance would

dry up because of political and le-gal problems, and foreign invest-ment would be much reduced."

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Given the risk of a paralysis in longer pain." Trying to move more slowly, Mr. Zecchimi said, would expose the overall effort to "backsliding" and decision-making that could result from a continuing impasse between the two republics, the report said that "a dissolution of the federawould probably not draw "strong support from the West," which tion could be preferable for the partner that is keener to accelerate echoslovakia currently has. the pace of structural reforms. in a reference to internal politics

that is unusual for the OECD, the "But the differences of approach would need to be very large for the purely economic benefits of split-The strategy of ting apart to outweigh the economic costs of such a decision." moving quickly to a

Jan Mladek, deputy minister of the federal ministry of economics, presented more corrent data than appears in the report which was written in mid-November.

Mr. Miádek said that total output, the gross domestic product, is likely to have declined 14 percent last year. As of November, he estimated that 6.3 percent of the work force was unemployed, about half a million people, but joblessness was unequally distributed.

Unemployment in Slovakia, where one-third of the population lives, is 1f.1 percent, compared with only 4.1 percent in the Czech region.

Mr. Mládek also said he "does not share the optimism" of the secretariat on the outlook for inflation. The OECD said inflation could be held to around 10 percent this year but Mr. Mladek estimated the figure would more likely be 15 to 20 percent.

Employers Criticize EC Accord

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches BRUSSELS - The Union of Industrial and Employers Confederations on Tuesday launched a strong attack on an agreement that establishes procedures for European

Britain, to implement a common social policy. The secretary-general of the organization, Zygmunt Tysz-kiewicz, said that the agreement, reached in December at the EC summit meeting in Maastricht, the Netherlands, would create legal confusion

ommunity members, minus

and double standards. "I hope this monster with two heads will be replaced," he

Mr. Tyszkiewicz said that the Protocol on Social Policy would not only create prob-lems for the future, but also failed to resolve outstanding questions over decision-making on EC social policy.

He noted, for example, that it had failed to close a loophole allowing only majority voting on such politically and industrially sensitive proposals as limits on working hours.

recent roster includes "Termina-

The only red mark on the French company's track record is a 273

million franc investment in TV

South that evaporated into thin air when the English regional channel

failed to get its franchise renewed

during the recent acrimonions

round of anctions for the ITV tele-

(Reuters, AFP)

U.K. Car Sales Plunged **To 9-Year Low in 1991**

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches LONDON — Sales of new cars in Britain last year tumbled 20.7 percent to a nine-year low, an inbatter the troubled market in the the immediate outlook is bleak." first half of 1992.

The Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders said that new car sales fell to 1.59 million in 1991, the lowest level since 1982, compared with 2.01 million in 1990. The number of new cars sold last year was 30.8 percent lower than the

1989 record level of 2.31 million. The group attributed the steep decline to companies' decisions to let their fleets age and to weak consumer interest. Big discounts offered by automakers failed to reverse a 12.7 percent slide in sales in 1990 that was prompted by fears surrounding the Gulf war.

The group's chief executive, Hal Miller, said, "While manufacturers were able to stave off the worst effects earlier in the year by increasdustry group said Tuesday, and the ing exports, most of our overseas recession is expected to continue to markets are now also declining and

However, he said, "Some improvement may be expected in the second half of 1992. The industry expects sales of

about 1.75 million cars in 1992. Geoffrey Whalen, managing director of Peugeot Talbot, the British subsidiary of Peugeot SA of France, said, "After a two-year slump in home sales and a worrying decline in exports, it may be that we are now over the worst."

General Motors Corp.'s Vauxhall unit also said it would be profitable, but industry analysis expected losses at Ford of Britain and the Rover Group. (Reuters, Bloomberg)

Boots Slips Below Target

LONDON — Boots Co., Britain's biggest pharmacy chain, said Tuesday that sales growth was below expectations in the October-to-December quarter, making it the latest victim of the country's

The company said sales at its Boots the Chemist chain, which accounts for 68 percent of group sales, were up 4.5 percent in the period compared with a year earlier. Sales at its other retail divisions

did not say what sales expectations were.

were up 5.2 percent and accounted for 14 percent of overall sales. It

Analysts said the group was holding up well compared with other stores. Boots shares fell to 419 pence (\$7.83), down 5.5 pence.

DEVALUE: Cure or Fool's Gold?

subscribers. Canal Plus's other overseas foothold is in the United currencies. What is more, by mak-States, where it now owns 6 pering German goods more expensive, cent of Carolco Pictures Inc., the independent film producer whose such a move would redistribute

German demand to countries like Britain and France, whose goods would fall in price. The problem is, why would the Germans want to do such a thing? "Germany's problem is Eastern

Germany, not exchange rates," Mr. Brett said. "They have a domestic problem, not an international one." At this juncture, many experts say the best hope for the likes of France, Italy and Britain is for the markets to awaken to just what

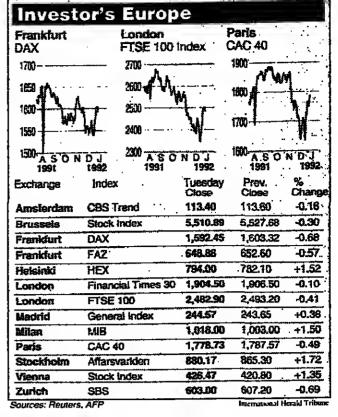
recession of its own. A more negative spin on the prospects for Germany should bring the Deutsche mark down. Then too, there is widespread hope that the Bundesbank's harsh monetary regimen will at long last pay

off in lower wage settlements and

hly as early as mid-year,

In the meantime, the outlook for unemployment and corporate earnings in much of Europe looks hleak. Noting that 1992 was supposed to be a boom year in the runup to the single European market, Mr. Brett said, "Instead it turns out to be the year everybody goes out and cuts their company earnings

forecasts again." Making that even more likely is the continuing weakness of the U.S. dollar. It is particularly damaging to Britain, which historically has a much higher proportion, some 14 percent, of its exports going to the United States, "The export prospects to the U.S. are absolutely terrible," said Andres Drobney, chief economist at Bankers Trust in London. The cheap dollar also hurts Europe's economies by making U.S. goods more



Very briefly:

Aachener & Münchener Beteiligungs AG said it would pursue plans to form a European holding company with La Fondiaria SpA and Royal Insurance Holdings PLC, despite pressure from Assurances Générales de France, which has lifted its stake in AMB to 23 percent.

 Fried Krupp GmbH and Hoesch AG, in which Krupp owns 24.9 percent will make an announcement about their planned merger on or after Feb. 14, when the Hoesch board will meet, a Hoesch spokesman said.

 Deutsche Aerosnace AG, a unit of Daimler-Benz AG, said it had sold its stake of just over 5 percent in the shipping group Bremer Vulkan.

 Asea AB said Sweden's Shipinvest AB had exercised an option to buy all of Asea's wholly owned shipping company, Brostroms Rederi AB.

 Tryg Nykredit Holding A/S, a Danish mortgage and insurance group, said it would acquire IRF Industriffnansiering A/S, an industrial credit concern, creating a group with 366 hillion kroner (\$62 billion) in assets. Alitalia Chief Executive Giovanni Bisignani has become the new chairman of the Association of European Airlines, and promised to plead for a competition policy that "recognizes the specifics of our industry," · Accor SA said it plans to open 10 leisure hotels a year until it has 120 to 50 such hotels in five years' time; it currently has 78 such hotels through

its link with Wagons-Lits SA. The European Bank for Reconstruction and Development said its board
of governors would hold its first annual meeting in April in Budapest.

EC Examines Price-Fixing in Cement

BRUSSELS - The EC Commission is investigating whether cement makers in Europe are involved in a price-fixing cartel, a spokesman for the European Community's executive body said Tuesday.

The spokesman said that all cement makers in the European Community were involved in the investigation "to a greater or lesser extent."

But he declined to comment on whether three cement makers in Britain, The Rugby Group PLC, Blue Circle Industries PLC and Castle Cement Ltd., were implicated in the investigation, as stated in a report Tuesday in the Evening Standard, London.

"This is not the real life," he said. "This is a protected life. Though

it's not our fault that we enjoy a 95 percent market share, the quality of our work, our financial results will stand out and last only if genuine

competition exists." But he acknowledges that to be able to compete with Canal Plus on. equal terms today, prospective con-

CHANNEL: Showing on Canal Plus — a Pay-Television Success Story with investments of at least 3 billion francs.

"Over the next five years we are more likely to run up against a mass of thematic, special interest cable and satellite channels rather then one monolithic rival," Mr.

With its monopoly position on pay television and enormous prof-itability, flashes of resentment have begun to appear in various quarters. Cable operators, the movie industry, other television channels and even some government bodies accuse Canal Plus of imperialism, bullying, concentration of interests, capitalizing on its political connections and a host of other

Mr. Lescure remains undaunted. "We knew that we would be attacked one day or the other for making too much money," he said. But, he added, "The money that we pump into various parts of the.

ness is helping to keep the engine turning. And only we command the means to do so.

Meanwhile, Canal Plus has been cloning its format in Belgium, Ger-many and Spain during the last two years. Given slower potential growth at home, the move into neighboring markets was logical. It coincides with the deregulation of the broadcast industry and the explosion of cable and satellite me-dia. It also has come at a minimal

cost of about 600 million francs. Christophe Cherblanc, analyst at the Cholet Dupont brokerage, said: The bulk of the investments have already been incurred and they have sought to spread out the risk by tying up with local partners. So there is likely to be no strain on future earnings. They are also on target to break even in each mar-

The three countries hold out the possibility of bringing in between 3.5 million and 4 million additional

Mr. Lescure said: "Apart from lousy shape the German economy extending our activities into the is in, now two quarters deep into a Flemish speaking regions of Belgium, the Netherlands and eventually Scandinavia, no other major development plans are in the pipeline. We need to digest our investments both at home and abroad. Otherwise we run the risk of over-

tenders would need to come up

NASDAQ prices as of 4 p.m. New York time.
This list compiled by the AP, consists of the 1,000 most traded securities in terms of dollar value. It is updated twice a year.

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lontgomery Small Cap	98.75	Rushmore: Precious Metals Index	- 18.76
imerican Heritage Fund	96.59	MetLife-State St. Equity: Global Energy	- 17.84
inancial Portfolio: Health Sciences	91.81	United Services: Gold Shares	- 15.65
Berger One Hundred	88.81	Strategic Silver	- 14.47
Inited New Concepts	88.26	Benham Gold Equities Index	- 11.23
MFS Lifetime Emerging Growth	87.62	Sunamerica Precious Metals	- 10.63
Oberwels Emerging Growth	87.06	Pioneer Growth: Gold Shares	- 9.86

Top U.S. Stock Funds Stayed Put to Win

By Tom Petruno

Source: Lipper Analytical Services

Los Angeles Times Service
LOS ANGELES — For the most successful U.S. stock mutual funds of 1991 — and stockfund investors generally — the secret to making big money was just staying put.

Case in point: Mark Seferovich, manager of

the United New Concepts fund, said his portfolio's 88.3 percent gain for the year was "an ode to not trying to outsmart yourself."

Rather than trade in and out of the market

excessively, Mr. Selerovich said he stuck with the companies whose long-term growth potential continued to look good. The result was the eighth-best performance of 1,233 stock funds tracked by Lipper Analytical Services.

Even those fund investors who had to settle for average gains last year could hardly complain. If they stayed in the game the entire year. they made money with amazing consistency. The average general stock fund soared 17.2

percent in the first quarter, slipped 0.9 percent in the second, rose 7.3 percent in the third and closed with an 8.3 percent fourth-quarter gain. The final tally for all of 1991: A 35.6 percent return for the average fund, the best annual performance since a 36.8 percent rise in 1967.

according to Lipper. Small-company funds and growth-stock funds in general were the year's stars, while those specializing in gold issues, natural re-sources and non-U.S. stocks — European in

particular - lagged badly. But most fund managers, including 1991's leaders, believe that 1992 will be a much tougher test of their stock-picking prowess. Stock prices already have built in enormous expectations for the economy and corporate profits in 1992 and beyond, the professionals say.

"I'm certainly not making any promises about 1992," said Michael Gordon, whose Boston-based Fidelity Select Biotechnology stock fund soared 99.1 percent last year, on top of a 44.4 percent rise in 1990.

Here's a look at some of the top fund managers of 1991, how they earned their big returns and how they are positioned for 1992:

• Fidelity's Mr. Gordon: His fund, the third-

biggest gainer last year after ranking No. 1 in 1990. has ridden Wall Street's explosive love affair with biotech stocks, which began in 1989. Last year alone, the fund's assets surged from \$225 million to \$1.15 billion.

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Now, many analysts argue that biotech stocks have become ridiculously overpriced. The mini-crash in the stocks last November was just a prelude, the bears say.

Because Mr. Gordon's fund exists specifically to invest in hiotech, he cannot simply walk away from the stocks. But he can tilt the portfolio toward issues perceived as less risky.

"I'm just trying to invest in the companies with the best products and the best earnings potential," he said. There is no arguing that many of the stocks appear to be overpriced given that the companies are still in the research phase, Mr. Gordon says, but "the question you have to ask is: What are they going to look like

when their drugs are approved?"

Of 150 stocks in the portfolio, his favorites remain Amgen, Gensia Pharmaceuticals, Chirco Corp. and Synergen Inc.

United New Concepts' Mr. Seferovicb:

Most of his top stocks of 1991 were "fast balls right down the middle of the plate," he said meaning, they were good companies with straightforward stories that did not require a lot of mental gymnastics.

The Minnesota-based health-maintenance

concern United HealthCare was one hig win-ner, soaring from \$23.25 to \$74.50 for the year. Likewise, Mr. Seferovich stayed with the medi-cal-instrument maker SciMed Life Systems even after the stock plunged from \$93 to \$57 last fall on patent concerns. SciMed has since rebounded to \$90.50, confirming Mr. Seferovich's belief that the patent worries were largely

fn 1992, be said, he will follow the same formula that worked in 1991, which is to stick with solid growth companies in his \$140 million fund. He also may buy more new stock issues than he has in the past, he said. Despite perennial concerns that new issues are high-risk stocks, Mr. Selerovich said he increasingly saw "experienced people with good concepts" bringing their companies public.

I think the best thing any money manager can do in 1992 is to keep an open mind," he

• Ken Heebner, CGM Capital Development Fund: Like Mr. Seferovich a veteran money manager, Mr. Heebner re-earned his stripes in 1991 by bolding on to his winners. The result was a 99. I percent gain, making CGM the No. 2

Mr. Heehner, who is based in Boston, has 10 percent of the \$323 million fund in shares of the tobacco and food giant Philip Morris, which climbed from \$51.75 to \$80.25 last year. CGM also is heavily invested in drug stocks such as Merck and Pfizer, and in some Midwest savings-and-loan concerns.

Mr. Heebner said his stock return expectations for 1992 were "modest." He plans to stay with many of his growth-stock winners, but his favorite investment now is the 30-year U.S. Treasury bond. Mr. Heebner expects long-term interest rates to continue falling this year in a weak economy. If be is right, the 50-year T-

bond will soar in value.

Though the CGM Capital Development fund is closed to new investors. Mr. Heehner also manages a companion fund, the CGM Mutual Fund, which accepts new money. That fund, which rose 41 percent last year, owns many of the same stocks as its sister fund. including Merck, the morigage hanker Countrywide Credit and TelMex, the Mexican phone company, CGM Mutual also is Mr. Heebner's biggest bet on 30-year T-bonds: 40 percent of the fund is invested in the bonds,

 John Ballen, MFS Lifetime Emerging Growth Fund: Mr. Ballen may be alone among the ranks of last year's top fund managers in that he played more than just the growth-stock

Growth stocks are those companies expected to do consistently well in a good economy or had, Their rivals for Wall Street's attention are "cyclical" companies whose businesses zoom at the outset of an economic recovery, as consumers and businesses start spending in

Mr. Ballen's \$190 million fund owned its share of growth stocks last year, which helped power the Boston-hased fund to an 87.6 percent gain, ninth-best overall. Health-care issues were his stars, as they were for most of the leading

But Mr. Ballen said he also began last year to layer in some economy-sensitive stocks that he figured would soar whenever the recession ended for good. And he said be would continue to shift the portfolio that way in 1992 even though the U.S. economy's recovery remained uncertain. The recession will end eventually, be said, and by then it will be too late to buy the cyclical stocks - they will already have soared.

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China Warns of Tariffs if U.S. Talks Fail Philippine Airlines Sale

BELIING - Chinese and U.S. and chemicals," the official news States: oegotiators will meet on Friday in a final attempt to head off a trade war but Beijing is ready to retaliate against some \$1.2 billion-worth of U.S. exports if the talks fail, the Xinhua news agency said Tuesday.

The talks in Washington are the last chance for agreement before the Jan. 16 deadline set by the U.S. trade representative, Carla A. Hills, for China to take action on trade disputes or face punishing tariffs. Officials from China's Ministry

of Foreign Economic Relations and Trade are considering retaliatory tariffs on U.S. products if Washington makes good its threat.

The products "will possibly in-

will be involved."

levy tariffs of 100 percent on up to The threat is the clearest sign to \$1.5 billion-worth of Chinese im-

date that Beijing is willing to play ports unless China agrees to U.S. China's 3d Bourse in Guangzhou?

HONG KONG — China's southern city of Guangzhou hopes to open the country's third stock market soon but the final decision rests with the central government in Beijing, the semi-official China News Agency said Tuesday.

Shanghai was the first stock market to reopen since the 1949

Communist victory but the highest turnover is on the exchange in Sheazhen, in the special economic zone bordering Hong Kong. Gnangzhou is the capital of the economically powerful Guang-dong province. Many Hong Kong manufacturers have moved there to escape high labor and land costs in the British colony.

China - which is expected to post a trade surplus with the United States of up to \$13 billion in 1991, the second-biggest surplus after Japan's - says it has already done a lot and Washington is holding it to higher standards than are internationally accepted.

Previous negotiations did little to narrow differences and China has talked tough on the issue in recent

Wu Yi, the vice minister of the trade ministry who will lead the Chinese team at the talks, was quoted on Sunday as saying Washington needed to show "a little bit of sincerity" in negotiations.

clude aircraft, cotton, corn, steel and chemicals," the official news agency said, "A total of \$1.2 billion Washington has threatened to Copyrights and computer software. Washington has threatened to Copyrights and computer software. Washington has threatened to Copyrights and computer software. Agence France-Presse the government's Commission on

MANTLA - The sale of Philippine Airlines, scheduled for later this month, may be delayed until mid-year and the country's entire plans had been scuttled in recent privatization program is facing a slowdown, officials said Tuesday.

Jose Sison, trustee of the government's Asset Privatization Trust, said the pace of privatization would slow because of restrictions imposed when Congress extended the agency's charter last month. Among the conditions are guar-

antees that no labor will be displaced by any sale, that all disposi-tions must be in cash and that the government should recover any losses suffered when an asset is sold for less than its declared price. "No one will buy under those

conditions," Mr. Sison said. Meanwhile, PAL's president, Fehciano Belmonte, said obstacles might be thrown up to slow down the privatization of PAL until after President Corazon C. Aquino leaves office in June.

stringent audit commission conditions and unfavorable court rulings, and added that, "in this country anything can happen." Nevertheless, he said Finance Secretary Jesus Estanislao "seems to be 100 percent committed to privatization."

Audit would want to examine the

bidding for the airline. He also not-

ed that various other privatization

years by congressional opposition,

The government, which owns 95 percent of PAL, had planned to sell a 67 percent stake on Jan. 29. It has set a minimum bid of \$150 million cash along with additional amounts in the form of Philippine foreign debt instruments, Mr. Belmonte said.

Last year, Manila assumed PAL's foreign debts, with a cash value of \$330 million, in order to make the airline more attractive. Mr. Belmonte said Manila expected to at least break even on the debt assumption in selling PAL.

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Mr. Belmonte said he thought Taiwan Dollar Strengthens

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TAIPEI — The U.S. dollar plunged to 25.15 Taiwan dollars on Tuesday, its lowest level since 1959, when the government fixed the

exchange rate at 40 Taiwan dollars to \$1.

The U.S. dollar dropped about 24 Taiwan cents to a 32-month low of 25.51 dollars on Monday. Its 36-cent drop on Tuesday was the biggest single-day fall in 33 years.

In Tokyo, the dollar plunged to a 37-month low of 122.95 yen on Tuesday before closing at 123.00 yen, down 1.40, and perilously close to the all-time low of 120.45 yen in January 1988.

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 Dai-Ichi Kangyo Bank Ltd. and Sanwa Bank Ltd. of Japan said they would cut short-term prime lending rates by 0.75 of a percentage point, to 5.875 percent, on Friday.

· China's prime minister, Li Peng, is scheduled to attend the annual World Economic Forum, from Jan. 30 to Feb. 4, in Davos, Switzerland. Australia gave its backing to a plan by the director-general of GATT, Arthur Dunkel, which aims at slashing U.S. and European farm-export subsidies, renewing hope for a long-stalled world trade settlement. Japanese exports of videocassette recorders fell 27.6 percent in November from a year earlier, to 1.75 million units, the Electronics Industries Association of Japan reported.

U.S. Unions Try to Delay McDonnell-Taiwan Tie Representative Barbara Boxer, Democrat of California, said she would work with the

By Richard W. Stevenson

New York Times Service
LOS ANGELES — Convinced that Mc-Donnell Douglas Corp.'s plan to sell a 40 percent stake in its commercial-sircraft business to Taiwan will lead to the disappearance of jobs in the United States, unions representing aerospace workers in California have begin a drive to delay the deal.

Officials of unions representing nearly 25,000 workers at McDonnell Douglas and

General Dynamics Corp., a major subcon-tractor on McDonnell Douglas arcraft, said they would seek to find alternatives to the proposed \$2 billion deal with Taiwan Aero-

They said they were exploring possible investments in McDonnell Douglas by pension funds or by other U.S. companies, although they said they had no specific prospects.

McDonnell Douglas has said that no American companies or investors displayed interest in a deal of the sort it struck with Taiwan Aerospace, and the effort by the unions seems unlikely at this point to derail the transaction.

McDonnell Douglas, which also wanted a deal with an Asian partner to improve its access to the fast-growing market for airliners in that region and to manufacture more of the plane with a lower-wage work force, has shown no interest in the sorts of alternative

'All I'm saying is, do we really want to give away another industry?

Bob Gamboa, union member.

financial arrangements proposed by the unions.

But in an election year in which jobs and the health of American industry are major cam-paign themes, the union officials said they have a good chance of at least stimulating debate in Congress over whether the government should act to bolster the aerospace industry and prevent the loss of jobs and technology to other nations.

she was considering proposing legislation to create a fund, financed out of savings from a reduction in military spending, to provide in-terest-free loans to aerospace companies and military contractors that want to expand their Mrs. Boxer also said she would press the Bush administration to invoke a law that allows the government to delay or bar any deal that might harm national security. Mc-

unions in their effort. In an interview, she said

Donnell Douglas is the largest U.S. military contractor. McDonnell Douglas agreed to the deal with Taiwan Aerospace to raise money for the development of a new jumbo jetliner, the

The union group consists of the United Aerospace Workers local in Long Beach, which represents 18,500 workers at McDonnell Douglas, and the International Associa-tion of Machinists Union local in San Diego, which represents 6,000 workers at the General Dynamics factory there.

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Top Seeds Swamped in the Wave of Upsets Down Under

SYDNEY - Top-seeded Michael Stich, showing little of the skill he used to win last summer's Wimbledon title, joined the exodus of top-ranked players from the New South

Wales Opeo with a first-round loss Tuesday. The error-prone Stich, ranked fourth ia the world, dropped six of his last seven service games to hometown favorite Todd Woodbridge, a wild-card cotry, and was gooe, 4-6, 6-1, 6-1.

Ivan Leodl, the No. 2 seed, lasted only a few hours longer, losing to hard-serving Richard Krajicek of the Netherlands, 5-7, 6-3, 6-3. Krajicek, ranked 44th in the world, got 13 aces and made 26 other serves that Lendi failed to get back into play.

That made it three of the eight men's seeds ousted in the first round. Four of the 16 seeded women were gone by the second round, and four who had first-round hyes had yet to play.

 Qualifier Jacco Eltingh of the Netherlands upset top-seeded Karel Novacek of Czechoslovakia. 7-6 (7-5), 7-6 (7-3), in Tuesday's first round of the New Zealand Open in Auckland. "I've had some difficult draws lately, and I

was upset when I saw who I faced at this was upset when I saw who I faced at this tournament, said Eltingh, who had oot won a match in an ATP Tour tournament since July.

"McEnroe will be the player I will be pairing people with," said Gorman, adding that Sampras was "But I said, 'Enough is enough."

McEnroe Set The Pearls and Perils of Africa On U.S. Team In Davis Cup

NEW YORK — John McEnroe bas been selected for the U.S. Davis Cup team that will play Argentina in an opening-round match this month in Hawaii.

"I picked him because of the fire he has deep down to win the Davis Cup again," the U.S. team's captain, Tom Gorman, said by telephone

from Palm Springs, California.

McEnroe, holder of six U.S. Davis Cup records, and doubles specialist Rick Leach will join the pre-viously announced Andre Agassi and Pete Sampras on the team, the U.S. Tennis Association said.

McEnroe last played in the 1991 quarterfinal victory over Spain, wheo he woo two singles matches. He asked to be chosen for the 1991 final, hut Gorman opted for Agassi, Sampras, Ken Flach and Robert Seguso. The United States, the defending champion, was routed by France, 3-1.

McEnroe is expected to play doubles, with Sampras and Agassi playing singles, Gorman said.
"As we look at it oow, chances

are that Pete and Andre are going to play the singles, but we have the option in case something happens." Leach, who compiled a 6-0 Davis Cup doubles record with former partner Jim Pugh, would seem to be McEnroe's likely partner, hut Gor-man was not committing himself.

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Even so, Morocco's King Hassan pursues an invitation from FIFA's president, João Havelange, for Africa to bid to host a World Cup final. Morocco has two adequate stadiums, and pledges to build another 10 should it be granted the 1998 World Cup.

Meanwhile, in Dakar and Zigunnchor, Senegal has the Nations' Cup. The enlarged tournament has one eye on cashing in on television revenues, and the other wards watching on many more ethnic factions thrown warily watching so many more ethnic factions thrown

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With the 12-nation tournament due to start in Senegal this Sunday, a Dakar journal reports the slaying of a government deputy and a rural counselor

The killings occurred in Zigninchor, venue for six first-round matches. They were dismissed locally as

"isolated incidents" but Diamacoune Senghor, general secretary of the Movement of Democratic Forces,

told La Tribune: "Those who come do so at their own

FIFA, soccer's world governing body, has been told

This distraction, if that is all it is, should not douse

our anticipation toward Africa, a continent rich in

Olympic runners and a place where the spirit of soccer

still conjures up some surprise, some innocence, some

Security permitting, the Nations' Cup has two major tests: To maintain the thrill given by Cameroon at the 1990 World Cup and by Zambia at the 1988 Olympics, and to show that Africa can organize an

event on a scale half way toward the World Cup it is

Organization. It is not Africa's strongest suit. Hitherto, the Nations' Cup was contested by eight finalists, and even that number stretched Morocco in 1988.

I will never forget Morocco for four reasons: hyp-

notic individual skills out of disorder, the brinksman-

ship of an organizational nightmare, a sheep's head on the hreakfast table at a ministerial briefing, and the

The theme of that tournament was African unity,

nothing of the warning. Its officials fly to Dakar Wednesday — mi-

into the pot Between them, the 12 nations represent 294 million. people from places as disparate as Nigeria (population 105 million) to Congo (1.9 million). The tribal rifts and national divisions left from British, French and Portuguese rule are such that even players on the same team du not speak the same language let alone same tongue.

THAT, AS MUCH as the oeed for Western exper-1 tise, is why some African countries hire German, South American or even Siberian coaches. The talents

are rich on the ground, but teamwork is a world away.
Yet how exciting it can be, this contradiction to our
so-called sophisticated doctrine of crushing flair in the
tactical straight jackets of despotic coaching theories. Cameroon versus England in 1990 became a true collision of opposing minds. The Cameroons, unquestionably, were more talented. Roger Milla was a law

and a lore unto himself, a peacock displaying by

ONDON — The 18th Nations' Cup draws near, and with it a deadly reminder that you play games

A find a lote third impossible to predict.

The English fell to his wiles, but the English fell to The English fell to his wiles, but preyed on indiscipline, capitalized on two penalties, and won through

prine, capitalized on two penalties, and won unough perseverence, strength and organization.

Similarly, at the 1988 Olympics, a Zambian goel-scoring magician named Kalusha Bwalya destroyed Italy to the tune of a 4-0 score. Soon the Zambians ran into superior German team play and were eliminated. Somehow the romance of the Cameroons and Zambians lingers longer than the victories of the English and Germans. So it is delightful to read that Samuel Ndlovu, Zambia's coach, was not chastened by his

"I don't want my players performing like robots," he says. "They must feel liberated. There are so many gifted players on my squad, and I want to show administrators and supporters they are wrong to think that only European or South American coaches can

bring success. Well spoken Sam, and well remembered. My 1988 notes show that the man says now what he said then the same freedom he expressed 67 times as a player for

his country.

His Olympic hero, Bwalya, is among almost 300 Africans now earning their corn with European clubs. And though that was a path blazed by Roger Milla, who played for seemingly every team in France, the old lion believes the poaching has gone too far.

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FEAR A type of slavery," he says, referring to three young Ghanaians spirited away to Italy. "One can't take adolescents away from their families

"One can't take adolescents away from their families and insert them into professional structures, even more so in countries completely different from their origin."

Milla is oot being bypocritical, not seeking to deny others the rewards he reaped. He was a man when it began; the boys signed by a Roman agent for Torino with grain with professionals, perform with amateurs, and earn 20 times more running errands for the Torino and earn 20 times more running errands for the Torino president than senior pros can get in Ghana, where bonded by the cause against apartheid. Yet players and crowds indulged in vicious, violent racist abuse—
Arabs of North Africa versus "blacks" of the central republics—which would, rightly, be considered crimi-

580 is a top monthly wage.

Antonio Matarrese, president of Italy's soccer federation, also suspects the boys could be exploited. He warns the Africans about parasites among Italian agents, and, seeing Ghana's under-17 team for himself, he acknowledges: "The Africans have grown, we

are hobbling along,"
Hence Italy's new national coach, Arrigo Sacchi, will be in Senegal on a learning mission. I envy him, and envy anyone who will, doubtless at the cost of amusing and sometimes exasperating mis-administra-tion, see the old and the new African talents in the

The problems for competing managers will start with trying to beg, steal or borrow for two weeks the services of their own stars from foreign clubs. All will fear the call that took Senegal's Soulemane Sané back to Nuremburg during the last Nations' Cup, never to return for the semifinal. Africa's plea is simply this: The talent is native, it

grows barefoot and free, and Africa has no means (perhaps oot even the right) to prevent rich clubs from enticing young men from poverty to wealth. But give the homelands this chance, this brief show

of their own, to put the best players in the national colors. Give up your contractural hold for just a couple of matches, and your own reward might be a) that they come back fulfilled and inspired, and b) that your benevolent cooperation is remembered the next time you call to plunder an African diamond.

Rob Hughes is on the suff of the Sunday Tones.

Duke Puts Florida State in Its Place

Florida State has found out that the road through the Atlantic Coast Conference, especially bumpy Tobacco Road through the Carolinas, said Florida State's coach, Pat has more than one fast lane.

With Grant Hill and Brian Davis leading Duke's explosive transition game Monday night, the topranked Blue Devils cruised by Flor- league is extremely physical." ida State, 86-70, in Durham, North

The Seminoles (7-4, 1-2) had up-set North Carolina in Chapel Hill

saw to it that there wouldn't be another surprise pulled off.

said Florida State's coach, Pat COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Kennedy. "Their bulk hurt us. This

Hill scored 26 points and Davis bad 19 for Duke, which 31/2 minutes into the game had a 13-4 lead. Hill, who was 10-for-12 from the field last month in their first game in the and grabbed 10 rebounds, sparked (8-2). The Irisb outrebounded ACC. But Ouke (8-0, 2-0) quickly two key runs late in the first half as USC, 40-29, in Los Angeles.

"Obviously, this was a different

the Blue Devils pulled further away, to an 18-point halftime lead. No. 3 Oklahoma St. 72, Kansas St. 34; The Cowboys (13-0) won their 23d straight bome game by holding the Wildcats (6-4) to 11 points in the first half of the Big Eight Conference opener.

Notre Dame 64, No. 23 Southern Cal 58: Daimon Sweet scored 15 of his 23 points in the second balf as the Irish, winning for just the second time in seven games, overcame a nine-point deficit and ended the seven-game winning streak of USC

U.S.: Maradona House Not a Home

WASHINGTON — Fallen soccer star Diego Maradona, who has said he plans to take up residence in the United States, may not find

the welcome mat out. Maradona, who faces cocaine possession and trafficking charges in Argentina, told the Buenos Aires newspaper La Nacion that he was planning to move with his wife Claudia and infant daughters Oalma and Giannina to Florida in about three months.

But Ouke Austin, spokesman for the U.S. Immigration and Naturalisation service, suggested Monday that Washington would take a dim view of Maradona's plans if criminal charges were pending against him. "You can't just take up residence in the United States, you have to

qualify for residency," Austin said, "Even if he purchased property it doesn't mean he can live here."

State Department policy is to deny visas to persons convicted of

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the restoration of the state's and the United States's threatened alligator populations and the setting up of a cow-thriving American alligator industry.

Now, if you live in Florida (or Texas. Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, the Carolinas, Central America, northern Mexico, or China's Yangtze River Valley, where Alligator sinensis, the American alligator's only surviving cousin, makes its home), this Louisiana chauvinism stinks. This reviewer, for instance, has experienced several quite spectacular Florida alligators, intentionally and otherwise. with varying degrees of intimacy.

Glasgow and his assistants have corrailed oodles of very interesting pictures (all, unfortunately, black and white), united them with solid, informatively workmanlike prose (some of it, unhappi ly though not offensively, somewhat plodding), and achieved a totality of well-organized, admirahly academic thoroughness. Pretty much everything you need to know about alligators, and much of what you'd like to, is here in one form of another.

It's good to see somebody genuinely sympathetic with the usual victim in the human-gator, predator-prey relatioo-ship, and it's especially refreshing that despite his partisanship, the author also believes we should all enjoy as many pairs of stylish saurian shoes and tasty preservationists always make the most sense, and Glasgow is oo exception: He knows that in this world, the best way to preserve a species — and thereby its antural habitat — is to make it legally valuable in cold, hard cash, then cootrol along with the fact that gators bellow in

In our own time, medical researchers find in the alligator a slow-motion model for \$29.95 or perhaps a more festive \$75 serving that temperature differentials croc." St. Martin's doesn't, of course cootrol the sex of hatchlings from alligator eggs (cooler means females, warmer makes males), ponder the relevance of that fact to dinosaur extinction; and, as States," wrote this for the Los Angeles we have a right to expect, the origin of Times.

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Patrick Carr, the author of "Sunshine

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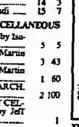
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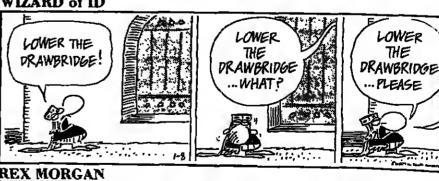




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Rueful Lions Vow That Redskins Won't Rout Them Again

By Mike Freeman

PONTIAC, Michigan — The Detroit Lions appreciate irony. And what an ironic situation they're in: The team that beat them, routed them, embarrassed them, in the first game of the season, the Washington Redskins, is the only obstacle between them and the Super Bowl.

Further, the Lions say that that loss is one of the things that helped make them a better team. They were so embarrassed one player called the defeat the most humiliating experience of his professional career — that they were determined to never let anything like that happen again. Of course, none of the Lions would ever want to go through anything like

"They attacked us in a way that we couldn't handle it," linebacker Chris Spielman said. "They physically mandown at the Detroit I-yard line. The handled us. That happens. But we learned a valuable lesson. And we've downed the ball on first, second and third things around."

forget what happened late in that Sept. 1 got beat up and beat up bad. But to be successful you have to put devastating losses and great wins behind you. No matter which one it is. We've been able to downed the ball on first, second and third things around."

Spielman said: "With something like that, when you're a competitor and having the pride of a professional athlete, defensively, said Fontes, who has proven

The Redskins, their opponents in the NFC championship game Sunday in Robert F. Kennedy Stadium in Washington, gave the Lions an unusual look inside themselves. Either they had the heart to come back or they didn't. And the Lions merely won 12 of their remaining 15 games, won their division, then advanced to the title game by smothering the Dallas Cowboys, 38-6, on Sunday. Detroit has won seven straight, but is 0-15 at Washington going back to 1938.

downs. Then, after a delay of game penalty - which the Redskins wanted - Rut-

ledge knelt on fourth down. Lions' ball. The Redskins were trying to show a little mercy. But Spielman actually considered calling a timeout when the Redskins were siting on the ball so he could walk across the field to Washington's coach, Joe Gibbs, and tell him to run it instead. Mercy? Thanks but no thanks.

"I felt total humiliation," said Spielman, an All-Pro and one of the NFL's best inside linebackers. "It was probably Some of the Lions say they will never one of the lowest points of my career. We

Quarterback Erik Kramer, now the starter, was the hackup in that first game. "I remember getting humiliated out there and thinking, 'Oh god, don't put me out there,' " Kramer said. He said the Lions "didn't know quite how to take" Rutledge's downing the ball at the time. "It was kind of a slap in the face, I

The All-Pro running back, Barry Sanders, who didn't play then because of a rib injury, and ultimately fell 15 yards short of the NFL rushing title, said: "One of the things I was thinking while I was

suspect," he said.

ing the pride of a professional athlete, when you get beat and beat bad usually two things happen. You either fold up the tent and go home or you fight back like a pack of hungry wolves.

"We were able to regroup, and gather ourselves, and get a couple of victories underneath our betts. Once you get success it breeds confidence. And we're playing with a lot of confidence right now.

Detroit's coach, Wayne Fontes, joked that the same film from that September contest was "burned and destroyed."

The biggest difference between that

to be a good strategist.

"They won't change anything they did against Atlanta," he said. "They woo't change a whole lot of things. They have a set defense, and they are going to play that set defense against a wide-open offense. I think it will be more of a chess game. They will try and take Barry out and theo we'll try and pass. They'll try and put six and ven men on the line of scrimmage.

"By Barry just being there people play us differently. Of all of the teams that have the kind of offense that we have, the difference between us and them is Barry."



Barry Sanders: "I hoped we

French Motorcyclist Killed in Congo; Rally Death Toll Rises to 3

BRAZZAVILLE, Congo — A French motorcyclist, Gilles Lalay, was killed Tuesday in the Congo during the 13th stage of the Paris-Cape Town rally, raising the death toll for the three-week endurance race to three. Another French motorcyclist, Jean-Christophe Wagner, was

critically injured in a separate accident during the stage, Lalay, 29, won the event in 1989, when it was the Paris-

Dakar rally. His Yamaha collided with one of the organizers' vehicles in the town of Dolisle during the stage between Franceville, Gabon, and Pointe-Noire, Congo.

. Rally officials in Paris said the circumstances of accident remained unclear. But Prosper Tekes, a hospital official in Dolisie, said Lalay broke his neck in a collision with a car driven by one of the medics accompanying the rally.

Tekes said police were investigating the incident.
["He was riding on the left towards the end of the stage when

he collided head-on with a medical workers' vehicle coming from the opposite direction," an official told Reuters].

Lalay, married with two children, was a member of the Yamaha-BYRD team of Italy and was in seventh place in the motorcycle competition. Wagner was in ninth place.

The rally also includes divisions for cars and light trucks.

Two support personnel were killed Dec. 27 when their Range Rover flipped over in Libya, during the second stage.

In all, 29 people have died in race-related accidents since the event began in 1979. This is the first year its destination is

South Africa, rather than Senegal.

Last week, a stage through Chad was canceled because of fighting between government troops and rebels. The competitors covered the stage in convoy under French military escort.



The Bills' Jeff Wright (91) and Cornelius Bennett, downing the Chiefs' Steve DeBerg, "Cornelius makes the big plays," Wright says,

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PHILADELPHIA—Signed Jeff Ruland,
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CHICAGO—Recoiled Mike Stupleton and
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DETROIT—Assigned Martin Lapointe to
Loval, Quebec Major Junior Hockey League.
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Cape Breton, American Hockey League.
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SIDELINES

Mack Quadruples Salary With Twins MINNEAPOLIS (AP) - Outfielder Shane Mack and the Minnesota Twins have reached agreement, announced Tuesday, on a one-year contract that will pay Mack \$1.075 million in 1992-93, compared with

\$270,000 last season. Mack, 28, is coming off his best season. He batted .310 with 18 home runs and 74 RBIs. He hit .356 in the season's second half and was voted

the Twins' most improved player.

• The New York Yankees signed their second free agent in as many days, coming to terms on a three-year contract with infielder Mike Gallego, who had been with the Oakland A's since 1985. The signing frees the Yankees to deal Steve Sax, who was rumored to be headed to the Chicago White Sox last week for pitcher Melido Perez.

U.S. Yacht Takes Dutchman Lead

TAURANGA, New Zealand (AP) — Paul Foerester and Steve Bourdow of the United States won Tuesday's sixth race of the world Flying Dutchman championships and took the overall lead with one race left. Thierry and Vincent Berger of France, who have won two races, were second overall. Defending world champions Jergen and Jens Bojsen-Moller of Denmark finished second Tuesday and were fifth overall.

Bad Back Puts Bird on Injury List

BOSTON (AP) — Larry Bird has been placed on the injured list by the Boston Celtics because of a persistent back problem, but the team emphasized that the NBA star's problem was caused by a fall in practice last month and is not related to the back surgery he underwent last June 7. Dave Gavitt, the Celtics' basketball operations chief, said Monday

night that doctors had recommended rest and anti-inflammatory medication, and no timetable has been set for the 13-year veteran's return. Steve Smith, the point guard from Michigan State taken fifth in the NBA draft by the Miami Heat, underwent successful arthroscopic surgery Toesday on torn cartilage in his right knee and will be unable to play for three to four weeks. The knee was hurt in Sunday's game. (UPI) • Center Jeff Ruland, 33, who retired after burting his left knee in 1986, was signed Monday by the Philadelphia 76ers; he underwent surgery last summer and said the knee can withstand the rigors of NBA

For the Record

The New York Giants' postseason shakeup began Tuesday with the firing of assistant head coach Ron Erhardt and tight end coach Mike Don Howe, 56, who joined Coventry last month as assistant to player-

manager Terry Butcher, became manager of the English first division soccer team Tuesday, a day after Botcher was fired. (Reuters) Esa Tikkanen of the Edmonton Oilers, first thought to have a bruise, instead had his shoulder broken in Saturday night's game against Calgary

and will be unable to play for three months. A record 170 teams have entered the July 25-Aug. 9 Summer Olympics in Barcelona, the International Olympic Committee said Tuesday. (AP)

Tony Marray, 42, who rode the winners of six thoroughbred classics in Britain and Ireland, was found dead in bed Monday at his home in Wiltshire, England. Police said they were investigating. (Reuters)
The women's World Cup slalom, postponed Monday because of a lack
of snow in Oberstaufen, Germany, is to be held in Hinterstoder, Austria. on Jan. 14, FIS said Tuesday.

Ouotable

• Pat Williams, president of the Orlando Magic and former general manager of the Philadelphia 76ers, on Charles Barkley's autobiography, "Outrageous!": "Charles once told me he would write his autobiography as soon as he could figure out who the main character should be."

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Bennett on the Defense: Doesn't Get Star Billing But He Does Get Results

By Thomas George New York Times Service
BUFFALO, New York — Ai first. Cornelius Bennett tried to

hide the depth of his feelings. He stood in front of his locker in Rich Stadium after the 37-14 rout of Kansas City in the National Football League's American Con-ference playoffs and said, yes, he had heard the pregame analysis that said the Chiefs' defense was rock-solid and that the Buffalo

Bills' defense was porous. Yes, it bothered him that Derrick Thomas, a teammate at the University of Alabama who's now a linebacker for the Chiefs, and defen-sive end Bruce Smith, his current teammate on the Bills, were heing

hilled as the game's defensive stars. Yes, he was even bothered that the return of nose tackle Jeff Wright from a knee injury had appeared to concern the Chiefs more than a healthy Bennett at linebacker.

But for Bennett, the issue went beyond being upset, even bothered.

"I was hurt." he said calmly. "It hurt me deeply. I guess they just thought of me as chopped liver. They even tried to block me all day with one guy, I wasn't trying to get any kind of revenge. I just wanted my play to do all the talking."

Bennett was all over the Chicfs and was a big part of the Bills' rousing defeosive effort that slugged Kansas City's persistent

running attack. The Chiefs would gain only 77 yards on 24 rushes. They were shut out in the first half and would fail to cross midfield until late in the third quarter, and then via an inter-ception at the Bills' 43. There were several Bills the Chiefs could not block, and Bennett was chief among them with a team-high five tackles.

On Sunday he showed why the Bills wanted him when they completed one of the most complex trades in pro football history in 1987, a deal involving three teams and a bushel of draft choices that eventually resulted in the involvement of 10 players.

Thomas and Bennett have had their squabbles but remain friends. There is a rivalry that goes back to Alabama, and playing against Thomas's team alone would have been enough for Bennett to reach his peak. The extra incentives simply gave him extra fuel.

Bennett has heard the comparisons between Thomas and the New York Giants' Lawrence Taylor, how Thomas is the oext Taylor, the oext dominating linebacker in the pro game. Bennett remembers when Thomas was his understudy at Alabama. Now it's Bennett who has another chance to go to the Super Bowl when Buffalo hattles Denver in Rich Stadium on Sunday in the American Conference cham-

pionship game. Bennett has led the Bills in sacks this season with nine but has of-fered much more. When Wright and Smith were injured and missed most of the season, it was Bennett who was expected to plug the heart of the Bills' defense. While others may have overlooked him, Wright has not. What Bennett wanted to

hear before the Chiefs' game,

Wright offered afterward.
"Cornelius makes the big plays
and he has become a fixture here," he said. "He's a threat on every play. He does so many things well and he played out of position when our defense was hurting with injuries and kept the whole thing together. "He doesn't get enough credit.

But in this locker room, he is respected and counted as a real pro." The entire Bills' defense needs its

ego soothed. Buffalo has been regarded as a team mighty on offense and weak on defense. Again, the offense shined Sunday. It scored 37 points against the Chiefs, and last sea playoff games at Rich Stadium it was largely responsible for the 44 points against the Miami Dolphins

Georgia Tech Has New Coach

The Associated Press ATLANTA — Bill Lewis, whose East Carolina team posted an 11-1 record and a No. 9 ranking in 1991, became Georgia Tech's ninth head

football coach Monday night. He succeeds Bobby Ross, who became coach of the NFL's San Diego Chargers oo

New Year's Day. Lewis said he would huy out the three years left on his con-

tract at East Carolina. The buy out reportedly cost \$263,247. Lewis said he took out a loan to pay it, then signed a five-year contract with the Yellow Jackets. Its terms were not disclosed, but Ross earoed more than \$330,000 annually at Tech.

Lewis, 50, has been coaching for 29 years, most as an assistant. He spent three years at Tech, coaching defensive backs from 1971 through 1973, and coached nine years at Georgia before taking the East Carolina job.

and 51 against the Los Angeles Raiders.

For all of its passing success, it ran the football 46 times against the Chiefs and finished with 29 first downs, one fewer than the team playoff record gained last year against the Raiders.

But the Buffalo defense reached a milestone on Sunday, too. It allowed the fewest total yards (213) in a playoff game ever by a Bills' defense, eclipsing the mark of 223 set against San Diego in 1965.

Bennett is an excellent choice to use as a spy on Denver's quarter-back, John Elway. Bennett has the speed, size and strength to keep Elway in the pocket or catch him

when he opts to scramble. Buffalo with a stirring defense? This is why the Bills' fans left Rich Stadium on Sunday even more optimistic that the 1991 season and Super Bowl XXVI are indeed the eventual property of the

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The Headless Donkey

By Russell Baker

WASHINGTON — Look, I'm just as fed up with politics and Washington timeservers as you are, but something eerie could be going on with these birds. For instance, once-invincible President Bush has suddenly become vinci-

The polls show the Democrats can beat him as long as they don't nominate a candidate. The minute the poll takers test Bush against a live Democrat, however, the president wins easily. In short, ancient wisdom is failing. The old-timers said, "You can't beat somebody with nobody." Now a new age: The only way Democrats can beat Bush is with nobody.

The philosopher Art Hoppe has for years filled The San Francisco Chroniele with the cry, "Nobody for president!" And he has been regarded as little more than a clownish newspaper humor columnist. Such is the fate of all who are right too soon.

As Benjamin Franklin would have said if colonial America had had modern conveniences like the eight-second attention span and the 10-second sound bite, "Be right too soon and you'll be a buffoon: to enrapture the throng it is equally wrong to stay right too long."

Yes, Benjamin Franklin would have said it better, but we are here to talk about beating Bush with a headless donkey, not to lament the decline of felicitous expression. The problem of course will be to persuade the Democrats not to

nominate anybody.

The advantages of this course should be obvious to them if they have paid minimal attention to the curious nonevents of the past year. For instance, Curious Nonevent No. 1 was the campaign that did

not occur in 1991. One normally occurs the year before election year, thus making the normal presidential election year a presidential election two-year.

It didn't happen in 1991. Month after month not a single Class A Democrat started acting "presiden-tial," which is to say, taking direction from entertainment experts while reading orotundities composed hy strangers and trying to amass the bushels of million-dollar bills to flood the national parlor with TV commercials.

This was a delightful develop-

ment in presidential politics. For the Democrats there is the obvious bonus: By not starting the campaign last year, they have no front-runner" to be "knocked off" in the early primaries this year.

This Nonevent has been singularly irritating to political reporters, who have a natural interest in perpetuating the presidential election two-year since it extends opportunities to abuse their expense

Normally the reporters spend the first year of an election twoyear in creating a "front-runner with whom everyone becomes bored hy the start of the second year. This fellow's failure to awe all humanity, or at least the press, in some inconsequential caucus or primary gives a sagging story some new life, and we witness against that famous shopworn old ritual. the Knocking-Off of the Front-

Political writers, having cast Mario Cuomo as 1991's Front-Runner, did not take it well when he failed to leave Alhany and start Front-Running.

Cuomo's reluctance, which spared a politics-weary nation a residential election two-year for the first time since Truman was a pup, drove outraged political writ-ers to ridicule and abuse him, especially those who seemed to think Bush would have made short work

In any case, the political press never got to make a good story and short work of Cuomo with a ritual Knocking-Off of the Front-Runner in some inconsequential hackwater like New Hampshire, and the Democrats still look like winners over Bush - so long as they don't appoint a living, hreathing member of the tribe to battle him in canned bromides and sound hites.

Can the Democrats cash in on the astonishing opportunity created hy an eerie onset of nonevents? With the present field of candidates, they seem well enough positioned: all, whatever their names may be, seem so negligible as to be virtually noncandidates.

For best results, though, the Democrats should probably run them all as a group entry and, after the victory, let them draw lots for the job.

New York Times Service

Baby Wranglers, the New Stage Mothers

By Susan Ferraro

NEW YORK — Once there were stage mothers, the legendary behind-the-scenes forces who achieved a Broadway immortality of their own as Rose in "Gypsy." But today, when producers and directors need a small child in a commercial, movie or stage show, they increasingly turn to professionals known as baby wranglers.

These are not big guys in cowboy hats who rope, tie and

brand young innocents, but specialists who combine the talents of casting agent, acting coach and child psychologist to cajole small — sometimes very small — children

into performing.
In the hit Broadway musical "Miss Saigon." much of the plot turns on the fate of Tam, a small boy. It is the job of Beatrice Swarm, a 73-year-old grandmother, to see that the two boys who alternate in the role get it right.

Eight times a week Tam must run to his stage bed and cower when his mother's Viet Cong suitor threatens to kill him. Eight times a week, wedged into a tiny compartment behind the bed and hidden from the audience by a flao of hurlap, Swarm soothes the real-life child, then readies him for his next cue, a loud gunshot.

To Brandon Paragas Ngai - the newest Tam. who joined the cast last month - and Philipp Lee Carahuena. the 4-year-olds who alternate as Tam, it's a scary moment,

says Swarm.
"I put my hand under the burlap and motion him to come elose. I tell him. That's fine, you did fine, it's O.K.' It quiets them down. Then I tell him. When the hang comes, get out of bed and go downstage. That's the hardest for the boys, because they don't go to anyone, just

For bahy wranglers, there can be pleasure. Swarm threw a Christmas party for Philipp. Brandon and the cast

And there can be pain. Joseph Schneider, the New Yorker known in the husiness as the king of haby wranglers, once needed a 2-year-old girl to take a box of Pampers to her mother as part of a television spot. But the child ran wildly about the studio and refused the

isual hlandishments: "If you gave her a halloon, she'd hite it and pop it," Schneider said. His solution? "I asked her if she'd like to kick me, and she said yes. So I let her kick me. Then I asked her if she'd like to do it again, and she said. 'Of course.' So I said, 'If you take the box of Pampers to your mother, I'll let you.' And she did.'

Schneider, 75, works in his midtown Manhattan studio with Yvonne Van Orden (she was just out of camera range in the haby scenes of the "Raising Arizona"). She and others credit Schneider with inventing baby wrangling back in 1960.

At the time, be was a still photographer who had done graduate work in child psychology. "One day," he recalled, "I sent some kids who had been perfect for me over to a television production company that was shooting a "They called me up and said, 'Joe, these kids are

monsters. So I went over there to help, and the ad was in the can in two hours." Baby wrangling was born. The three R's of the business are repetition, reinforcement and rapport. It is important to find out what the child likes and how he or she acts away from the mother.

Also helpful are patience and the occasional bribe. To get small children to do what it takes to sell shampoo and breakfast cereal, Schneider and Van Orden use what they call incentives - squeaky toys, cookies, a Cheerio. What-



Brandon Paragas Ngai, the newest Tam in the musical "Miss Saigon." His coach is never far away. ever the gimmick, it has to be the kind of payoff children

Backstage at "Miss Saigon." Swarm relies heavily on long-term rapport. To an adult, the role of Tam, which has

no speaking lines, seems simple. He runs back and forth to his stage bed; he colors while his mother, Kim (played by Lea Salonga), sings; he wipes his mouth in disgust after he is kissed by the engineer (originally Jonathan Pryce, now Francis Ruivivar) and he

But for a 4-year-old, it can be difficult. Tam must get his cues and different hits of husiness right every time, live, again and again. He must hold still through long stretches in the stage bods, and he must put his hands on top of the covers, so Salonga can lift him easily.

Even harder. Tam must not sing along to songs he has heard a hundred times. He must use his left, downstage, hand to wipe his mouth after the engineer's kiss, so the audience can see it.

The real work of teaching the boys the part is done by Fred Hanson, the production stage manager, and Swarm.
On an empty stage they sing the songs and play tag (for running), "statues" (for holding still) and "pretend": "Lea is Kim, your pretend Morn," they tell the boys.

To help insulate the children from the razzle-dazzle of the theater. Swarm converted their dressing room into what she calls a little classroom —with child-size steps up to the sink and a diminutive table and chairs.

For an hour before their cue, she teaches preschool skills: to spell their names, to put on shoes. They draw pictures and examine hugs with a magnifying glass.

The welling strains of "The Last Night of the World" signal the end of kindergarten tutorial. Swarm takes Tam
("outside of our dressing room, he is Tam") to the bathroom, and leads him marching in time to the next song.

The Morning of the Dragon," down six flights and up one more to their Act I entrance - he in the bed, she hidden beside him. "I've lost 25 pounds and my cholester-ol is down 20 points since the show started," she said. Mistakes do happen. On the way to the stage, one Tam and Barry Bernal, the actor who plays Thuy, Kim's suitor,

exchanged "gimme five!" greetings and hand slaps. "Sure enough," Swarm recalled, "the next time he sees Barry, it's on stage and Barry is Thuy, and he says 'Gimme five!' Some directors and photographers prefer to work with-out baby wranglers. "We cast kids to do what they do

naturally," said Andrey Nizen, vice president and creative director of Broadcast, the Macy's in-house agency that produces television and radio ads for the store. Still, when shot calls for babies, she calls for baby wranglers. Wranglers can also provide a buffer for children caught between nervous producers and nervous parents. According to Schneider, "Kids can make \$20,000 to \$25,000 for

thing unmentionable."

Noting that he has seen "some brutal situations," Schneider added: "You have to make this a recreational activity for the kids, not an ordeal. Kids are very sensitive and delicate. If they dislike you, you're out of luck."

one appearance, and a mother will sometimes do some-

Susan Ferraro writes for The New York Times Magazine

PEOPLE

Paul Simon Arrives For South Africa Tour

Paul Simon arrived in Johanne burg Tuesday for a controversal five-concert tour of South Africa beginning Saturday, and said in was "disturbed" at threats of disruption by militant blacks. Senior added that he was "glad of reason ances" from Nelson Mandels & Al. rican National Congress and the rival Inkatha Freedom Party, and expressed surprise at objections at tour arrangements had been as cussed since November 1990 The Pan Africanist Congress and the Azanian People's Organization and their youth wings have threatened to halt the tour.

Edwin W. Edwards won the hig. terly contested Louisiana guberna-torial race in November, and he apparently did not do badly on New Year's Eve in a Las Veges casino. Peter Nicholas, a repone for The Times-Picayune in New Orleans, who watched the gover-Palace, said Edwards had a win-ning streak and left the disc tible with a pile of chips worth \$40,000 to \$50,000. Nicholas explained on the telephone that he could not be certain Edwards had actually won money "because I didn't arrive when he started gambling." Edwards, who served three previous terms as governor, has admitted heavy gambling, but promised last year that he would pay more attention to official duties if elected:

Alejandro Gandara, a young nov-clist who presents his work mider the pseudonym "Malcokn X," won the 1992 Nadal Prize, Spain's oldest literary award, Tuesday, Gan-dara, 34, won the 3 million peseta (\$30,000) prize for his novel "Ciegas esperanzas" ("Blind Hopes"), a recreation of the Old Testament tale of Tobias and the angel.

The woman who accused WI-Bam Kennedy Smith of rape has complained to police about a freelance cameraman she said was harassing her. Patricia Bowman, 30, told Palm Beach County deputies that she confronted Robert Calvert outside her home and he refused to show her his press credentials. Calvert was gone when deputies arrived, and they said they do not plan to charge him. Bowman complained before Smith's trial that Calvert had staked out her home.

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